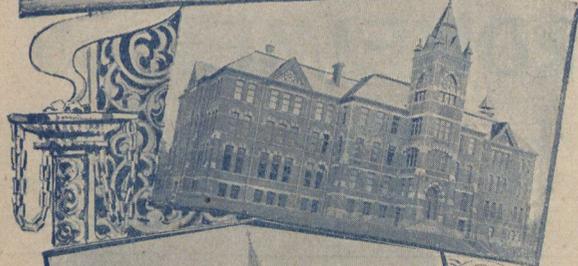
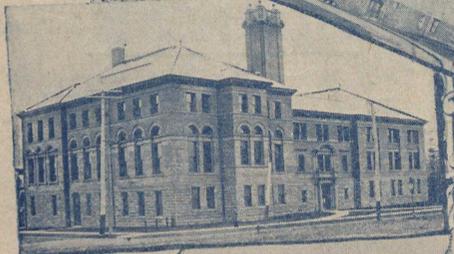
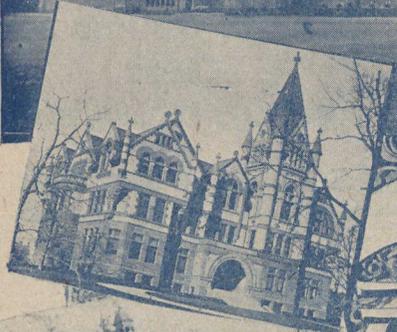


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## GENIUS AND REALITY.

In a note to the latest edition of his "Introduction to Browning," Prof. Corson makes mention of a personal conversation held with the poet, during which he alluded to the divided opinion as to the meaning of the expression in "My Last Duchess," "I gave commands; then all smiles stopped together." "He made no reply," he writes, "for a moment, and then said, meditatively, 'Yes, I meant that the commands were that she should be put to death.' And then, after a pause, he added, with a characteristic dash of expression, and as if the thought had just started in his mind, 'or he might have had her shut up in a convent.'"

The significance which Prof. Corson sees in this reply is that genius concerns itself only with the artistic motive; and hence it serves to illustrate clearly what we have to suggest concerning genius and reality, more particularly in their relation to a certain form of literature, the possibilities of which may not be recognized by all.

Probably it is due largely to the tricksiness of that uncertain goddess of memory, Mnemosyne, that many have gathered from their study of biography much that associates eccentricity with genius. And, indeed, at first thought, genius seems to be an anomaly—something out of the usual course of nature—not, it is true, entirely without usefulness, but which, nevertheless, is rather undesirable for a life of happiness and Elysian ease. But genius is not the possession of but a few. It is something possessed in a very *low* degree by nearly everybody, and in a high degree by very few—so few that the world's great men of genius are soon numbered. Genius is insight into the fulness of relations; it is *direct* perception and apprehension of truth, unhampered by self-consciousness; it is not characterized by thought, but by clarity of insight. The *talented* man thinks and works in the abstract; the man of genius perceives truth directly, and works in the concrete—by unconscious and spontaneous synthesis. Genius is the sight and touch of things spiritual, more definite than the sight and touch of things material; it is not introspection or reflective thought, since genius, in the great majority of its activities, must be unconscious; still, its chief and striking peculiarity is that reflective or conscious thought is not antipathic to the fulfilment of some of its highest possibilities. Genius is capacity for truth, and its vital assimilation; it is the capacity for lofty, emotional inspiration and range of experience; it is sanity of view and supreme good sense; it is not a faculty of mind but a quality of being—a union of heart and mind that makes it a microcosm embodying the essential elements of the cosmos. Genius gives knowledge that transcends all that is characterized by the mere intellectual, and so is often considered foolish and idly speculative by the world:

it is the sole medium of the transmission of vital truth to the world, and the growth in real knowledge that the world attains is commensurate with its genius. The man of genius rises to the highest type because of his deeper perception, which is his unique faculty; and in his response, his approaches

"The ultimate, angels' law,

Indulging every instinct of the soul.

There, where law, life, joy, impulse are one thing."

Now, this unique power and insight of genius presupposes a unique world for its play, and this—probably in an idealistic sense—we are pleased to call the world of *reality*. And in doing so, we hope to get nearer the truth, even though it be by giving a new interpretation to a term.

The popular conception of reality, of course, is that it is that discerned by, and knowable through, the senses; that which is tangible and material. But anyone possessing any degree of real vitality will readily admit that there is something concerning the existence of which we are more deeply conscious than of the world of sense about us—something possessed by the inward consciousness, that is best known, but least definable. But, if we, who are "cabined, cribbed, confined," are deeply conscious of this, we may very properly suppose that genius, with its fuller development and balance of power, finds a very definite world for its activities, a supposition that can be substantiated from literature. This world we call reality.

Reality is that which constitutes the primary and unchanging substance of life; it is the goal toward which the best elements of men constantly tend; it is that which is of supreme interest to all men, known in their best moments; it is that which is knowable only through an unflinching compliance with the best promptings of the being; it is that concerning the existence of which we have assurance in the world about us—in the trees, the flowers, and the stars, which somehow tell us what is their informing element. As Emerson says: "A tree has another use than for apples, and corn another than for meal, and the ball of the earth another than for tillage and roads."

But because of our limitations, this world of reality is largely beyond our reach, and it is genius alone that brings us into fuller relation with it. True, neither the fact of its existence, nor anything of its composite elements, as genius sees it, is *directly* communicable; but herein lie the crowning victory of art and the glory of the imagination. That which is best in truth does not lend itself to positive demonstration; and epigrams, aphorisms, and definite statements of truth, such as we may find in any of the poets, for instance, serve but as the stepping-stones to a nobler and truer plane—that of the concrete. We must obey *commandments* before we enter into the realm of truth.

It is in the humble metaphor that we have in embryo the noblest form of literature. The probable

cause for its inception is that it met the need felt of adding to the knowledge of one thing by speaking of it in terms of another, better known and bearing certain resemblance of relations. Now, when genius has deep insight into reality, it necessarily sees that to which we are blind; thus it becomes prophetic, and being constrained to speak in known terms, gives us the metaphorical, parabolic or mythical form of expression. This is the *concrete* and artistic, and consequently the most effective means of imparting truth. Indeed, genius may be measured to a certain extent by its ability to use metaphorical language in revealing new-found relations. As Browning has it:

—"Art may tell a truth

Obliquely, do the thing shall breed the thought,  
Nor wrong the thought, missing the mediate word."

This is why we used to enjoy reading "Robinson Crusoe" more than learning the catechism; this is why people now clamor for stories of real life rather than for philosophical statements of truth.

But, if the poet does not advance markedly on the truth of his own time, he will probably give concrete expression to some known truth, and then, lacking self-confidence, interpret it. Tennyson, for instance, makes an elaborate study of the quarrel between the body and the soul in his "Idylls of the King," but, appearing to distrust the possibilities of his own art, he has told us of his subject. In the "Lady of Shalott," however, we have a poem of pure concreteness, for it is highly improbable that it is the production of a mere flight of the imagination. Some have noticed the suggestiveness of the stanza:

"Only reapers, reaping early  
In among the bearded barley,  
Hear a song, that echoes cheerly,  
From the river winding clearly,  
Down to towered Camelot:  
And by the moon the reaper weary,  
Piling sheaves in uplands airy,  
Listening, whispers, 'Tis the fairy  
Lady of Shalott.'"

which very probably has to do with Tennyson's conception of the relation his genius should bear to the world at large. The latter part of the poem shows the results of being won by the world's glitter instead of remaining a faithful disciple of genius and reality.

Spenser, too, adopted the concrete form of expression in his portrayal of a purely ideal world; but, in spite of the genius, there was somewhere a failure in courage, and a deep self-consciousness, possibly aroused by starting with an abstract idea, such that he also gave an interpretation of what he had written.

Goethe and Shakespeare, on the other hand, seem to have possessed a power of insight into reality that gave them truth far in advance of their own time. This makes them, in the truest sense, prophetic. The former is related as having said: "They come and ask what idea I meant to embody in my 'Faust,' as if I knew myself, and could inform them." Goethe, when he wrote "Faust," was not working in ideas, but in reality. He did not *create* a piece of literature, but he was the medium through which the truth found concrete expression—it was colored; it was given form and a *style* by his personality, and all was as natural as the growth of a flower.

Shakespeare's life was so complete in the living qualities that he seems to have had the experience of ages in his comparatively short life. "The Tempest" is

no mere puzzle picture. Undoubtedly it is the best and only true expression of what Shakespeare came finally to know; but for us it must remain problematical until we grow in knowledge and have a stronger grasp of truth. Even now, the very numerous interpretations of "The Tempest" certify to a widespread conviction that it is the very essence of concreteness. Rudyard Kipling's rather remarkable conjecture of some months ago may be the beginning of the opening of a new avenue of truth.

Now, these illustrations go to show that the method of genius is different from our method; that it sees with another eye, and hears with another ear. Still, it is rather a difference of degree than of kind, for, as we slowly increase our wisdom, we perceive that in genius we have a faithful teacher and an able leader. Pure intellectual analysis proves powerless to discover its secrets, but even men of simple, monotonous lives often see the secrets of life, as genius reveals them, because they live close to nature.

At the present time, however, men seem to prefer trusting their own skill to meet all ends. Literature of the past is for the dreamer; imagination has little or no place, and reason strives to reign supreme. What is needed is a return to faith in the imagination. With that must inevitably come renewed insight, and an infusion of power into literature. With that we shall no longer strive to reduce poetry to an abstraction. Nay, rather we shall grow in power of unconscious, sympathetic response to all reality, as it is grasped and given concrete expression by genius; then, that which before was an "airy nothing," will indeed gain "a local habitation and a name."

Genius is the great imparter of truth to humanity. It knows worlds that with us are undreamt of; it knows our weakness and our strength better than we do ourselves; and, in the wisdom of its insight, it tells us what to do with sorrow and with joy; with laughter and with tears; with ambition, love and jealousy; with pity, fear, and all the rest that make up life—with these, genius has to do as it sees, with an eye of unerring vision, into the world of reality. But when it is greatest it never speaks of these; instead, it tells us about The Lotus Eaters, about Launcelot, about Othello, Macbeth, and Lear, and about the Prodigal Son. Then it is we see how much nobler it is to be taught by art than by commandment, by the concrete than by the abstract. Then, as we feel ourselves grow in knowledge, we feel more fully the need of help and assurance from one who has seen into the secrets of life, and we, too, with Whitman cry:

"Surely, whoever speaks to me in the right voice, him  
or her I shall follow,

As the water follows the moon, silently, with fluid steps  
anywhere around the globe."

A. H. R. FAIRCHILD.

[We should like to have printed Mr. Fairchild's essay last week, but could not owing to lack of space.  
—Ed. VARSITY.]

#### MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The regular meeting of the Club was held on Monday afternoon. The programme consisted of two essays, one, a most interesting essay, by Miss Wegg, '00, on Alphonse Daudet, who has been called the French Dickens, and another on Balzac's "Pere Goriot," by Mr. Umphrey, of '99. Both essayists were well received by the large and attentive audience.

# The College Girl

The cosy and homelike air of the Y.M.C.A. parlor, where the meeting of the Y.W.C.A. was held last Tuesday, presented a striking contrast to the dull drizzling weather outside. As announced last week, the meeting took the form of a roll-call, to which each of the members responded with a verse of scripture, a quotation, or some thoughts bearing on the topic, "The Everlasting Arms," Deut. xxxiii., 27. In whatever frame of mind the members came, they all went away cheered by some new and happy thought, and by the pleasant hour spent together.

Although the fates seemed to be contriving against the success of our Lit. meeting, Saturday night, their plots were ignored, and a bright, though short programme, was given, under Miss Tennant's able presidency. In the usual order, the minutes were read and approved. A motion was also carried that the Society extend a vote of thanks to Prof. Baker for his kindness in purchasing a book-case for the Grace Hall Memorial Library.

Two missing members considerably shortened the programme, which was opened by a pleasing piano solo by Miss Laing.

Our ex-President, Miss MacMichael, in dealing with the political aspect, quoted Chamberlain's point of view of the Fashoda affair, when he says that the withdrawal of the French "is indicative of their acceptance of the principle of British control of the whole valley of the Nile, regarding which there cannot be any discussion whatever." The excitement attending the Dreyfus case, and the change of the French Cabinet, have also proved disturbing to France. The effects of the German Emperor's visit to the Holy Land have been quite contrary to his expectations. The Turk is at last out of Crete. To-day, as in the past, China is the great storm centre. As to the actual situation there, there seems to be no outward change; whereas the grave position of Great Britain has been very materially improved. It seems as though Russian aggrandisement is to be restricted. In anticipation of her efforts to break the circles being formed around her by foreign powers, we have the mobilizing and exercising of the British and French fleets, and other war-like preparations now going on. According to Salisbury, the commercial treaty between France and Italy is the first step toward their probable union.

At the close of the report, the chairman called for the rendering of Jean Ingelow's beautiful "Songs of Seven." The seven stages of a woman's life were represented by the recitation of the corresponding verses, and by appropriate costumes. Those who took part were the Misses Baird, Wicher, Butterworth, Wright, Robinson, Cole, and Manson.

Miss M. E. Mason then treated us to a selection on the piano.

The singing of "God Save the Queen," brought the meeting to a close.

On Saturday morning last, in the Ladies' Reading-room of the College, about forty of the women graduates met to form an Alumnae Association.

Such an organization, indispensable in most of the American Colleges, was planned for and talked about some weeks ago, and has now become an established fact here.

Those present were most enthusiastic in their expression of approval, and before the meeting was adjourned, the officers for the new Association were elected, and a constitution was drawn up and duly adopted. The Executive Committee is to consist of Miss Charlotte Ross, B.A., President; two Vice-Presidents; Miss Janey Hillock, B.A., Recording Secretary; Miss Kate Fleming, B.A., Corresponding Secretary, and Miss Kingsmill, B.A., Treasurer.

The Annual Concert, given by the Ladies' Glee Club, will be held this year, on Tuesday, December 13th, in Guild Hall, McGill street.

The members of the Committee take pleasure in announcing that they have secured the assistance of Miss Mae Dickinson, soprano; Mr. George Fox, violinist, and Mr. Grenville P. Kleiser, elocutionist.

Miss Dickinson and Mr. Kleiser need no introduction to students of the University. They are both deservedly popular.

Mr. Fox, who is perhaps not quite so well-known in College circles, has the reputation of being one of the first violinists in Canada, and will assuredly delight his audience.

The plan of the hall is at the warerooms of Messrs. Gourlay, Winter and Leeming, where reserved seats may be secured.

Tickets of admission, 25 cents, or reserved seats 50 cents, may be procured from any member of the Glee Club. The proceeds, as was the case last year, will be given to the Women's Residence Association.

The pleasant social event of the week to College girls was the luncheon, given on Saturday last, by Mrs. Ramsay Wright, to the members of the Executive of the Women's Fencing Club, and to the women students who are taking the Honor Natural Science course. Miss White, President of the Literary Society, and Miss Benson, Editor of *Sesame*, were also guests. Mrs. Wright was voted a most delightful hostess, and Miss Wright, Professor Wright's sister, also charmed the girls by her eager interest in all that pertained to the College world.

The table was most artistic in its decoration. A mass of delicate ferns occupied the centre of the table, with clusters of large yellow chrysanthemums in tall vases at each of the four sides. Smaller bouquets of violets, placed at the corners thus left, filled the whole room with fragrance. These latter were carried away as mementoes of a very pleasant occasion.

*Sesame*, the magazine produced annually by the women of the College, will be on sale this year before Christmas, and is to be exceedingly attractive, both in exterior and in contents. There are to be, as usual, a number of articles in the nature of stories, essays, poems, etc., written by well-known women graduates and undergraduates, and in addition there are to be a number of illustrations. If one may judge by a knowledge of what is to be—Miss Benson, Editor, Miss Patterson, Business Manager, and in fact every member of both the Editorial and the Business Board, may be congratulated upon the excellence of their work.

Last week, Professor Baker added sufficient money to that sent by Mrs. Hall, from the sale of some of the

books which belonged to the late Miss Hall, to procure a handsome book-case. This now stands in the Ladies' Reading-room, and contains the works which Miss Hall used in the High School, and in the two years spent at the University.

Those who were fortunate enough to hear Mrs. Agnes Knox Black on Thanksgiving evening had a rare treat.

Mrs. Black read selections from Wordsworth, Shelley, and Keats, and many of the Third and Fourth Year students were noticed in the audience.

The Century Class will hold the annual reception in the East and West Halls, on Saturday, December 3rd.

#### AFTERMATH.

I never realized what a terrible thing war really is till Thanksgiving Day. Along with two friends, Parr and Boone, I went out in the afternoon to see the sham battle, which was being fought by the city volunteers. When we arrived on the scene it was only to find that the invading army had captured Toronto, and that the whole force was being reviewed by Major-General Hutton.

Though evening was beginning to fall, and the air was becoming gray, it was a gallant sight. The brilliant column, in even rank, with measured step, to the sound of an inspiring march, swung past the Commander-in-chief, while every now and then an aide-de-camp would go galloping off on some order, to reappear in a moment with his stiff military salute, and his report.

But in a few minutes the rear rank of the last company had passed, the staff-officers had fallen in behind the General, and the whole troop cantered off, leaving the field bare and lonely, except for the spectators, who, too, walked away as fast as they could. In five minutes we were the solitary beings left there.

The soldiers had long disappeared over the crest of a hill to our left. Darkness was settling down over the dry stretch of brown turf. A cold wind, heavy with the night mist, was beginning to blow from the west, bearing a smell of powder upon it. I shivered. A cloud of dry leaves swept past on a gust of air. There was a ghostly sound about them.

"This is getting quite eerie," I said.

"Yes, awfully bleak and mournful," Parr answered.

"Wonder if no one ever gets hurt in these sham battles?" asked Boone, "you know, a man might get shot by accident. Rather startling, if we were to fall over a corpse, wouldn't it be?"

The air grew colder, the mist damper, and more leaves rushed weirdly by in the gathering blackness.

"I think we had better be going home. Hulloo, what's that, look, over there," and Boone pointed through the darkness to some shadowy thing, that loomed indistinctly before us.

We all stopped, somewhat put about, and looked at the approaching figure.

A man, a soldier, stood in front of us; a mass of hair clung about his temples. Though I could not see clearly, a huge coat seemed to envelop a rather wasted frame. But what caught my eye was that the sleeves hung limp by his sides. The right arm instantly rose in army fashion, and saluted. Not a word escaped his

lips. The leaves swished in the wind. I heard Parr give a little gasp and draw a deep breath. I turned and saw his eyes fixed on the flapping sleeves. In answer to the salute, he spoke, though his voice was rather husky.

"Have—have you been wounded?"

"Eh?" and the man craned forward and peered at Parr, and the empty sleeves swayed in the driving gale. We all drew back a little.

"Your arms—your hands?" Parr murmured.

A ghastly smile spread through the white mist over the wan features.

"Your hands?"—but Parr's voice died away.

The ghastly smile grew into an awful grin. I could not help clenching my fists.

"Your hands," Parr croaked again, "have you lost them both?"

"Haw, haw, haw!" and a jarring laugh broke hoarsely from the weird figure's lips. I felt my brow grow clammy.

"Haw, haw, haw! Oh, no, sir, my hands is all right. I'm small and thin and feels the cold, so big Robinson of "H." Company lent me his great coat. I do look kind of queer, I suppose. The sleeves is a trifle too long. I was just going to ask you if you could let me have a light. This blamed cyclone blowed my matches all out. Thank you, sir, I must hurry up, or I'll get left behind."

KERRY.

#### DE PROFUNDIS AMORIS.

Amo amas amat,  
But quem amas, I can't get at;  
I hope that I am quem amas,  
But fear I hope in vain, alas!

Oh, quem amas, I wonder so;  
I wish all things were sure as that;  
I'm certain quite of quam amo,  
It's quem amas, I can't get at.

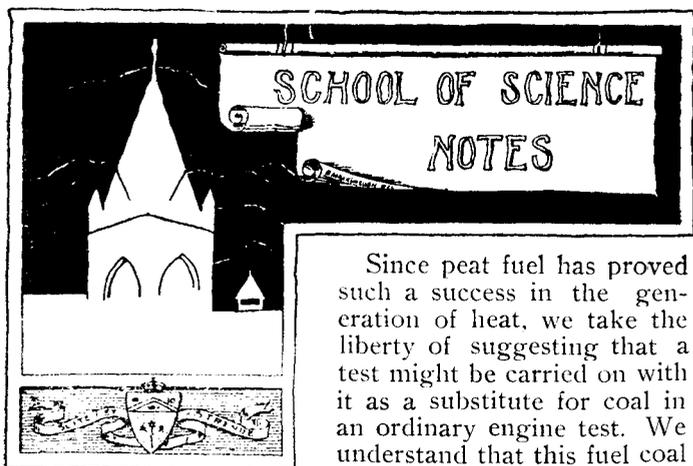
—OMO.

Y.M.C.A.

Despite the fact that a large number of the students were out of the city on the holiday, about a score of Y.M.C.A. men assembled in the parlors on Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, and enjoyed a bright Thanksgiving meeting, which lasted for three-quarters of an hour. The thought uppermost in the mind of those present was one of thanksgiving, especially in view of their privileges, as students at Toronto University, and particularly for personal blessings received during the past year.

The Sunday afternoon Bible Class work is being well maintained, but there is still room for increased attendance on the part of those who should deem it a privilege to avail themselves of such teaching as Dr. Sheraton is giving. Class meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in Wycliffe College Chapel, and is open to all University men.

The meeting in Y.M.C.A. Hall on Thursday afternoon, December 1st, will be addressed by Rev. Dr. McTavish, M.A., of Central Presbyterian Church. The Doctor always has a helpful message for the students. Don't forget the time, 5—6 o'clock.



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the generation of steam for the running of steam-engines. Considering its cheapness, as compared with coal, it certainly ought to make rapid strides in the industrial world.

We have the pleasure of announcing to our fellow-students the marriage of our honored and esteemed Professor Coleman, to a lady whom we all have admired, as the talented authoress who writes in the Mail and Empire, under the name of "Kit." This important event took place during the past summer, and we hope that their future may be one long summer of happiness and prosperity.

"For the last two weeks there has been an experiment going on in this city, which has now developed into an industry. It is the manufacture of calcium carbide for the production of acetylene gas, by means of a new, yet simple and effective method. The inventors of this new scheme are Messrs. H. Tamoth and J. W. McRae, of Ottawa. The new idea is in the furnaces, which are to be used in the manufacture of the carbide. The furnace consists of two electrodes, one suspended from above, and the other on the ground. The two are connected by means of carbon pencils, which form an arc, producing sufficient heat to melt the coke and limestone, which are piled around these electrodes, and form it into calcium carbide. It is the intention of the promoters of this new industry to erect a plant containing about forty of these furnaces, which will be kept running sixteen hours per day. The carbide is produced for \$60 per ton wholesale, and the factories now making this product throughout Canada are unable to keep up with the orders for this product. By operating their present plant, the inventors expect to be able to turn out about 10 tons of carbide per day."

Mr. Yeates was seen wandering around the school Monday morning, with a broad and contented smile covering his whole face. This could be explained, no doubt, by his recent visit to London.

Mr. Clothier had the pleasant duty of escorting his family of boys to the theatre last Saturday. He says they enjoyed themselves immensely. He also took them around to Eaton's and showed them all the pretty toys. His boys, though, expressed the opinion that he was very "easy."

"The Philadelphia Electric Street Railway Company plans to run a number of unlighted cars over its lines, for the benefit of the girls, who cannot receive their young gentleman friends at home."

The quatrain, published in Rotunda of VARSITY last week, "She had a most bewitching smile, etc.," has an interesting origin. It first appeared, some five years ago, in the *Cadet*, a student publication of a Military College in Nebraska; and its author is a Mr. Spaulding of that institution.

F. W.

A meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday, 23rd. Mr. F. F. Clark was elected 2nd Year Representative for the Dinner Committee, and Mr. G. Bertram was elected Editor for VARSITY. Mr. Campbell read a paper on The Construction of More Expensive Pavements, in his usual manner, which makes us wish that he could come oftener.

We are very sorry to hear that a member of the Fourth Year had to be asked to perform his ablutions, but we hope that after the remark that was made, he will be more regular in this respect.

We will ask all the students and graduates of the school to remember that the Annual Dinner is to be held on the 9th of December, at Webb's. As far as can be seen, this year's Dinner promises to be one of the best ever held.

#### RUGBY DANCE.

Owing to the Athletic Dance not coming off till Tuesday evening, it is impossible this week to give an extended report of a very successful and enjoyable function. To say that from every point of view it was up to the high standard set by the preceding dances of the Athletic Association, is to say all that can be said. The gymnasium, specially decorated for the occasion, was graced by a large and fashionable audience, and it was a brilliant scene, indeed, that greeted the eyes of those "sitting it out" in the gallery; the happy faces, the rhythmic sway of the dancers, the blending of the soft colors of a hundred gowns; and the music, with the undertone of rustling silk and murmuring voices—the whole was a delight to both eye and ear. But after all, lovely color effects, fine music and the best of dancing, while very beautiful, are not very substantial in themselves. This the Athletic Board recognized, and, to compensate the Rugby men for their long and rigorous course of training, provided delicacies, which must have played havoc with digestions which for weeks were used only to a Spartan diet. It is not very gallant to leave the ladies to the last, but I want to quote a few lines, given me by a youth whose heart was taken captive by thirteen different "charmers" during the evening:

Toronto's fair,  
Beyond compare,  
In crowds were there:  
With shining hair,  
Was all the air,  
Bright everywhere.

#### PROPOSED HOCKEY LEAGUE.

There is a movement on foot for the formation of a Canadian Inter-college Hockey League, consisting of McGill, Queen's and Varsity. The same objections, however, as held with regard to the formation of the Rugby league, hold here, and it is probable that the Varsity Hockey Club will be unable to enter this year. Financial considerations are the most weighty in preventing this.

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## SPY-SYSTEM.

If we were asked to give an opinion as to what sort of feeling should exist between teacher and taught, we might give some such answer as this: "Mutual sympathy and a thorough belief of the one in the other." We are confident that the undergraduates of Toronto believe in their instructors, and we have every reason to think that the University professors and lecturers believe in their students, that all the members of the staff would endorse this statement, that they would endorse it singly and collectively. And yet the authorities themselves throw doubt upon it, for they treat us on certain occasions as men who need to be watched. We refer, of course, to the spy-system which is still in vogue at the annual May examinations. Surely it is time that this were done away with.

The authorities virtually say that they have more confidence in the honor of a score of "soups," than they have in the students, whom they meet every day in their class-rooms. In passing, it might be of interest to learn whence these trusted spies, these monuments to honor, and emblems of truth, are obtained. Unless we are mistaken, one of them is by profession a gardener's assistant, or snow-shoveller—according to the season! Another is either an ex-barber or a broken-down poet! A third we have seen profitably employing his idle moments by acting as "caddy" at the Rosedale Golf Grounds! Now, we have nothing against snow-shovellers, ex-barbers, or "caddies," but what is there inherently honest in these professions? Practically the authorities say that a man from one of these walks of life is more trustworthy than the University student. He may be, but we doubt it. Whether the Councils wish or not to cast this reflection on us, it is a logical deduction from their action.

There is nothing more galling to a student who has a spark of pride in his breast, than to sit writing in the examination-hall and to gradually become aware of a pair of eyes peering over his shoulder to see that he is not cribbing. And to think that the spy is set to watch him by his teachers, and in many a case, his

friends—that thought does not tend to sweeten the gall. Is he not to be trusted as far as the wretched—a stronger word suggests itself—"soup," who is "key-holing" behind his back? Ah, but the answer is, yes, of course, it is hard, but the innocent must often suffer with the guilty; the spy is set to watch the dishonest student, not to annoy the honest one.

That being the point, is the present very objectionable method the best, nay the only method of enforcing honesty? We do not for one moment demand, on behalf of the students, liberty to cheat if they choose. We are extremely sorry that even one candidate out of a thousand should be found to be dishonorable. This is something that touches the undergraduates far more closely than it does the faculty; and herein lies the key to the whole difficulty. This is recognized in many of the American Colleges, and the entire question of dishonesty at examinations is left in the hands of the candidates themselves. At Princeton, a Students' Committee guarantees the purity of the examination; power is given it to expel any found cheating—power which on more than one occasion has been exercised. The ninety-nine per cent. of honorable men will not permit the stigma of dishonesty to rest upon them, and hence dishonesty becomes next to impossible, and, if it does occur, there is no screening of the culprit, whereas under our spy-system the ninety-nine per cent. may see the one per cent. cheat, but no one would be cad enough to "peach" on him to the presiding examiner. If the latter, backed by his squad of detectives, does not discover the culprit, that is his affair, not the students'.

This whole matter is a point about which we feel very strongly. We desire quite as much as the authorities that the examinations be absolutely free from the slightest taint of dishonesty, and with this very end in view, we would respectfully submit to the Senate and Councils the advisability of their adopting, in place of the spy-system, the honor-system, at the University and College examinations.

## A PAIR OF SPECTACLES.

A recent number of the McGill *Outlook* has in it a letter from Mr. Colin Duguid, in which this gentleman tells about "Toronto, as Seen Through Spectacles." With all due deference we would advise Mr. Colin Duguid to buy a new pair of spectacles; there is something radically wrong with the glass in his present ones, for through them he has got a most distorted view of Toronto. For example: He seems to think that all the streets of Toronto are paved with cedar blocks, and all the houses are "rough-cast." It might be interesting to ask Mr. Colin Duguid in what part of the city he spent his time? In the next paragraph the spectacles betray their unfortunate owner again, for this time he says that "all their buildings are of brick"—which does not seem to harmonize with the "rough-cast" theory. As to "fine public buildings,"



according to these reliable spectacles, we have only the City Hall, the House of Parliament, Varsity, Osgoode Hall—which the spectacles spell without the “e”—Trinity College, and a church or two! Mr. Colin Duguid followed the spectacles to the bay, and “seeing only a couple of old scows, he naturally thought Lake Ontario was unnavigable, so that there would be no danger if he ‘dropped in.’” The man who sold Mr. Colin Duguid those spectacles should be punished, not the innocent wearer of them, for Mr. Colin Duguid would certainly have drowned if he had carried out such an idea. The spectacles next investigated our means of locomotion, with the astounding result that “among the unknown things in Toronto, are cabs, wagons, private carriages, and respectable horses, and that the bicycle forms almost the only means of locomotion!” Besides this, the spectacles took a glance at Toronto street-cars and Toronto policemen; these Mr. Colin Duguid looks on with some favor. Last of all, the Toronto girls had the privilege of being examined by these remarkable spectacles, and here is the verdict: “Without the slightest doubt, there is nothing the matter with them. Most emphatically ‘they are all right. Oh, yes, you bet!’ . . . In them is to be seen all that is worth seeing in Toronto.” Would it not be terrible if those spectacles have deceived Mr. Colin Duguid, again; if he were to discover that instead of flirting with some golden-haired maiden of sixteen summers, he had wasted his attentions on a yellow-toothed spinster of sixty winters? Those spectacles are not to be trusted. Let Mr. Colin Duguid beware! We hope the next time he visits Toronto he will have a more reliable pair with him. It is really not safe for an innocent young man to be so completely at the mercy of such a pair of deceivers.

#### UNIVERSITY DINNER.

The University Dinner, which is to take place on the 16th of December, promises to be a great success. The committee is working hard, and that is saying a good deal, for it is a very energetic committee. Undergraduate tickets have been placed at the very moderate price of \$1.25, while the Faculty have very generously consented to pay \$1.75. The catering is in good hands—those of Williams. This is one function to which everybody is going. You don't need to be able to dance, and there will be no chance for conversation to flag. In fact, there is nothing to hinder anyone from going to the University Dinner. We are all going, and all going to have a good time on Friday evening, the 16th of December.

#### SPORTS.

Owing to Mr. Henderson's having met with an accident, which we are glad to say he is recovering from, Mr. Ross kindly consented to write up the Sporting column this week.

The officers, players and followers, of the Inter-College Association Football League, may congratulate themselves on the splendid success of their chosen game, in the season which has just closed. Some years ago, indeed so long that it has almost become a tradition, “Association” flourished, as the most popular game played at Varsity. Rugby was but in its infancy then, and had a hard existence for many years before it somewhat suddenly jumped into popularity, and, as the advent of a greater light lessens, or almost obscures, so to speak, the brilliancy of the smaller, so Rugby not only obscured, but almost extinguished the light of its rival. But the University is large, and the more popular sports we have the better, for in that way there are afforded greater opportunities for men to take an interest, and become proficient in at least one. Thus, both Association and Rugby can be popular, as the past season has proved, and no doubt will be in future seasons. Personally, I am prejudiced in favor of Rugby, as being the better game of the two, but Association is a splendid sport. I do not pretend to know much about it, but the chief defect in the game, from a mere spectator's point of view is that the scoring is too slow and unfrequent; or rather the possibilities for scoring are very few. If there were several means of making points or adding to the score, I believe the pleasure both of playing and watching would be greatly enhanced.

The teams entered in the Inter-College League were so numerous that two series were formed. In the first of these the Dentals came out victorious over the Toronto Meds., while Victoria and S.P.S. finished third and fourth, respectively. The latter, however, deserve no small credit for finishing their schedule, in spite of the frequent and destructive raids made on their ranks by the Rugby team.

The Dentals had a hard fight with the Meds., and it is difficult to say which has the better team, but the Dentals won, and to them belongs the palm.

The second series is formed of the following teams: Varsity, McMaster, Trinity Meds., Knox, and Osgoode. The last-named team was hopelessly left in the rear, Knox finished fourth, McMaster third, while Varsity and Trinity Meds. are still tied for first place. When this game has been played off—and it should be a splendid exhibition of football, for both teams are strong—the winners will meet the Dentals in the final struggle.

McMaster's action, in allowing their game with Varsity to be postponed on account of several of the latter's men being unable to play on the schedule date—Rugby having taken the men—is highly commendable. Such sportsmanlike actions do much to enhance the popularity of any game, and increase that desirable good-will between the combatants.

The race for the Caledonia Cup this year was very keen. The Inter-College team drew with the City League winners, and according to the rules governing the competition for the cup, had the preference in being allowed to play the Western League's team. This game was played on Thanksgiving Day, and although the College men lost by the score of 2 to 1, it is generally agreed that the match was the finest exhibition of Association football seen in years. The following

was the team: Goal, Armstrong; Backs, Rudell, Reid; Half-backs, Turnbull, Blanchard, Dickson; Forwards, Dr. Hooper, Wren, Halliday, Whitely, Zavitz.

Mr. C. H. C. Wright, B.Sc., the President of the Inter-College Association League, and Secretary S. H. Armstrong, of '99, by their untiring efforts are justly considered to be, in a great measure, responsible for the success of the league in the past season.

The two McKenzies and Sanderson were Varsity's representatives on the All-Canadian team that was victorious in Buffalo last Thursday. McKenzie, the half-back, says he thinks the American game better than the Canadian.

In the Intermediate Association series, the Normals won their series from Toronto Junction, and the other series will be completed this week.

The finals, in both the Senior and Intermediate Association series, will be played next Saturday, on the Athletic Field.

The proverbial Mulock Cup weather arrived in time for the beginning of the games on Monday. These friendly contests between the representatives of the various institutions of the University of Toronto are productive, in the first place, of good, clean sport; in the second they are splendid educators in Rugby, and lastly, are thoroughly enjoyed by the participators and spectators.

Last year the Mulock Cup Series was marked by excellent football, and this year, no doubt, the quality will be equalled, if not excelled. It is a great pity, however, that these battles could not be fought out earlier in the season, both for the success of the series, and the enjoyment of the players. The Rugby Club has issued a neat schedule of the games in the Mulock Cup Series.

On account of the lateness of the season, it is probable that Varsity II. will not play the Britannias for the Intermediate championship of Canada.

It is somewhat unfortunate that our Rugby Seniors could not make satisfactory arrangements to meet the Chicago Athletic Club's eleven. It would have been interesting to see what success they would have, as a team, against a first-class American aggregation.

The thanks of the undergraduates are due to Mr. John Inkster, the manager of the Senior Rugby team, and President of the Canadian Inter-College League, for the able and conscientious manner in which he has discharged his many executive duties in connection with the above important offices.

With the departure of football comes the advent of hockey, if not in reality, at least in anticipation. The prospects this year for an exceedingly strong team are excellent. Most of last year's team are still at Varsity, and the same captain, Art. Snell, '99, is at the head of the team. Bob. Waldie, Isbister, Fred. Scott, Sheppard, Rob and Jack Parry, Reg. McArthur, Winters, McMillan and Elliott, are ready for the game, and some splendid new men are in sight. McKenzie, Hills, and Darling, of Rugby fame, Hanley, '00, and Beamer, are some of these.

#### THE LIT..

INTER-COLLEGE DEBATING UNION.

[The following communication has been received from Dr. Wickett, the President of the Literary Society. We have much pleasure in laying it before our readers,

and take this opportunity of heartily endorsing all Dr. Wickett says.—Ed. VARSITY.]

November 28th, 1898.

Editor, THE VARSITY.

Dear Sir,—As representative of University College to the Inter-College Debating Union, and in the absence of a meeting of the Literary Society last week, may I venture to take advantage of your columns to remind VARSITY's friends of the inauguration of the Inter-College Debates this week.

As far as I know, considerable interest is being shown in this debating series, not alone at the different colleges, but in other quarters as well. The Executive of the Union look forward confidently to a series of really high-class debates. The valuation of "style in speaking," at 25 per cent. of the total, in awarding the debate, will doubtless secure due attention and felicitous speech. This is not the place, however, to enlarge upon the interesting character of this series, which in the history of debating in Canada, is likely unique. All the debaters, we may rest assured, will do honor to their several colleges. It remains for the graduates and undergraduates to encourage the debaters by their sympathetic presence.

The first meeting takes place, as will be seen by the printed programmes and cards, this coming Friday, in Trinity Convocation Hall, between Varsity and Trinity. The second will be held at Osgoode Hall on the following (Saturday) evening, between McMaster and Osgoode. I feel certain that Varsity men will heartily support a movement like the present one, emanating, as it has, primarily from among themselves.

Yours very truly,

S. M. WICKETT.

University College.

It may, perhaps, be remembered that one evening, two or three weeks ago, when Mr. McGregor Young was present at the Lit., he suggested that the President of the Society be provided with a decent chair. Since then, the Executive have been casting round, and at last have happened upon a real "find." They have discovered the chair which was in use before the fire! It is somewhat decrepit, but it is to be newly upholstered and tightened up and forthwith installed.

Mr. Kilgour, Treasurer of the "Lit.," wishes to call the attention of the students to the fact that the fees of the Society are \$1.00, if paid before Christmas, and \$1.50 if not paid till after the New Year.

At the meeting of the Lit next Friday evening, Representatives to the Toronto Meds' Dinner and to the Dents' "At Home," will be elected.

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Man neigt sich vor dem Gaste  
Und atmet der düfte Wehn.

Und wie sie im mächtigen Stolze  
Den Kelch, den duftigen, bläht,  
Aus dem knitternden, einsamen Holze  
Ein stiller Wanderer geht.

Die Rose sieht er prangen  
Und Lust ergreift sein Gemüth,  
Er will ans Herz sie hangen  
Die hier so herrlich blüht.

Die Rose spitzt die Dornen,  
Er tritt zu ihr heran.  
Ach! die Rose spitzt die Dornen  
Und spricht zum armen Mann :

" Oh lasz mich bei der Mutter,  
Oh Wanderer geh' vorbei !"  
" Ich bring Dich fort mit der Mutter,  
Doch sei mir auch lieb und getreu."

" Oh lasz mich still hier ruhen,  
Oh Wanderer geh' vorbei !"  
" Ach! so mögst du still hier ruhen,  
Ich geb' Dich, Schönste, frei !"

Doch lange möcht's nicht wahren,  
Da nahte der Rosepracht  
Mit heimlichem Begehren  
Des Reichtums stolze Macht.

" Gieb, Rose, was du besitzt !"  
Er nimmt sie vom Mutterschosz  
" So einsam und schmachtend du sitzest  
Und bist doch so herrlich und grosz !"

Die Rose davongetragen  
In Glanz und Herrlichkeit ;  
Willst du nach ihr noch fragen ?  
Sie welkte vor Zärtlichkeit.—S. BLUMBERGER.

## TRANSLATIONS FROM HEINE.

From olden tales comes winging,  
A snow-white beckoning hand,  
A singing and a ringing  
From an enchanted land,  
Where giant flowers languish,  
In the golden evening light,  
And wan with love's sweet anguish,  
Pine in each other's sight.  
Where all the trees are chattering,  
And loud in concert sing;  
And laughing streams are pattering,  
In rhythmic music ring:—  
And sweeter songs are trilling,  
Than thou hast ever heard,  
Till with fond yearning thrilling,  
Thine heart is fondly stirred.  
Oh, that I might come yonder,  
And there my heart set free,  
And loosed from pain might wander,  
And happy ever be!  
In dream I see it often,  
That land of fancies fair,  
But sunrise sees it soften,  
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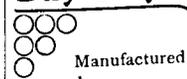
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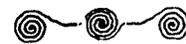
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- 5 County Model Schools Examinations begin. (During the last week of the session.)
6. Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
13. Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)  
Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2); S.S. Act, sec. 31 (5).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.)
14. Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees. [S.S. Act, sec. 55.] (Not later than 14th Dec.)  
Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (Subject to appointment.)
15. Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township. [P.S. Act, sec. 67 (1).] (On or before 15th Dec.)  
County Councils to pay Treasurer High Schools. [H.S. Act, sec. 30.] (On or before 15th Dec.)  
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## The Rotunda.

H. D. Graham visited friends in London last week.

Ross Gillespie spent Thanksgiving at his home in Alvinston.

"Tommy" Russell helped to capture the city last Thursday.

J. B. Hunter, '99, spent Thanksgiving at his home in Woodstock.

W. Rea, '99, ate his Thanksgiving turkey at his home in Leadville.

W. G. Harrison, '00, ate his Thanksgiving turkey at his home in Glencoe.

"Alf" Mitchell, '00, holidayed in Brantford. His home is not in that place.

"Alf" Clare, '00, holidayed at his home in Preston, and F.E. Brown was in Galt.

The Lit. did not meet last Friday night, owing to so many of the students being out of town.

Miss Cleary and her brother, E. C. Cleary, spent the holidays at their home in Windsor.

G. A. Kingston, '99, took a little trip up to the Forest City to see a cousin. London is *not* his home.

Old Lit. Chair to be upholstered—Dinner tickets to be \$1.25. First meeting of debate in Trinity.

C. R. Fitzgerald, '00, went up to Woodstock for the holidays and did not get back to town till Monday.

George DeLury, '99, is now located in Toronto. He has gone into actuarial work in the office of the North American Life in this city.

This year the Toronto Meds are going to hold their dinner in the gym. The date is set for December 8th.

Last Saturday, W. G. and R. J. Wilson received news of their mother's illness; they immediately left for their home near Bradford, but when they arrived there they learned that she had died. VARSITY extends its sympathy to them in their sudden bereavement.

"Colonel Watson" was at the sham battle out in High Park last Thursday. It is said that Major General Hutton called on the "Colonel" to solve some knotty points in military stratagem. The "Colonel's" aide-de-camp for the day was "Shiner" Ansley, late of '00.

V. E. Henderson, '99, the well-known manager of Varsity III, met with an unfortunate and painful accident in the Rugby game between the Upper Canada past and presents. He was accidentally charged by a heavy man and received internal injuries that have confined him to bed since last Tuesday.

The annual reunion of the Graduate's Association of the Parkdale Collegiate Institute, will this year take the form of a dance, to be held in St. George's Hall, to-morrow evening, December 2nd. Tickets (\$1.00) may be obtained from the secretary, Dr. C. E. Pearson, 130 Yonge St., or from any member of the committee.

"Charlie" Cowan, '99 is once again to be seen in the corridors. He has been on a long trip through the south and middle-west states, travelling through Kansas and going as far west as Omaha, Nebraska. He says that the Trans-Mississippi Exposition is well worth seeing, in fact a pocket edition of the great Chicago fair. "Charlie" has a great fund of strange stories back with him.

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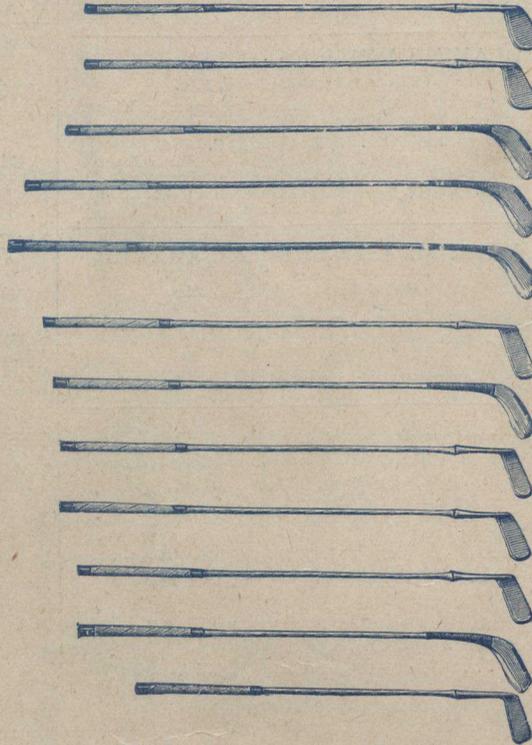
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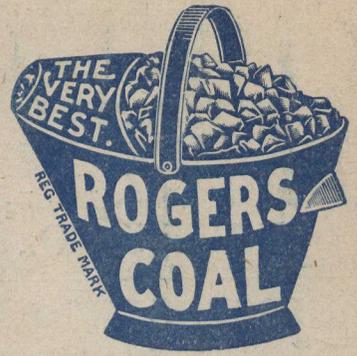
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