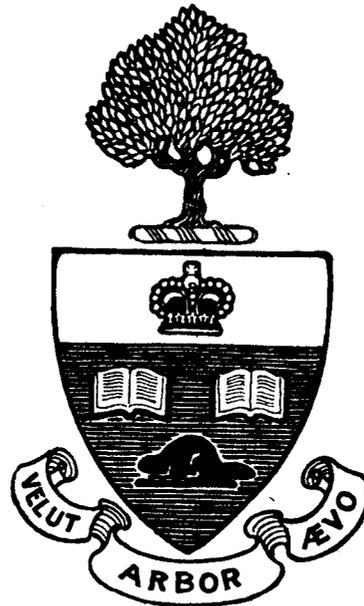


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UNIVERSITY IDEALS.

I. IDEALS OF STUDY.

TO form a right ideal is practically to look away from things as they are and to conceive of things as they might be, to turn from ourselves to our larger environment, to seek for principles while we are evolving theories. University men in particular need this larger work and reference. The process of education is so long and complex and indirect, and, in Canada especially, some of its methods and requirements are so mechanical and traditional and so little spontaneous, that a student is apt to forget in his college life the very ends for which he lives. He needs to be brought now and again face to face with his fundamental relations and ultimate obligations.

No man can define his own ideals. Least of all can young natures do so; for what they seek to apprehend can be only formed within them as a "heart of wisdom," the harvest of the numbered years (Ps. xc. 12), "the years that bring the philosophic mind." For this achievement insight is needed more than foresight. Therewith, I must co-operate an ever-widening outlook along with a perpetual habit of retrospect. The backward look is to most of us the surest key to our future—the future that may be—as it is, alas, the surest revealer of a past or a present that might have been! But the young have no past to guide or warn them, and the garner of experience, their own proper wisdom, one day to be so full, has but a grain here and there fallen from a few unthreshed sheaves.

How then shall our students find their true work and strike the right course to their true and proper goal? Here, we may say aright, is where institutions and teachers play their best part. Yet all that the college with its instructors can do for a young fellow is far less than what he can and must do for himself. An institution is not *institutio*, as those understood the word who made it classical. The most that even the oldest and most weather-beaten professional guides of youth can do for them is to give suggestions, indicate good view-points, and show the obstacles and hindrances by which they themselves have been balked or impeded. If, in complying with the request of the editor of THE VARSITY for some practical hints on University ideals, I venture to take this general line, I shall not go very far wrong in my starting-point at least. I would accordingly propose that in the broadest way, we regard a student's education from the standpoint of his inner needs and his outer obligations, his work at college and his life-purpose. Now, every University man aims, or should aim, to be a *man of culture*, a *good member of society*, and a *patriot*; and it will be possible to find something worth thinking about as bearing upon these three cardinal and vital functions of an ideal life.

What should our students aim to be as men of culture? The most important thing is that they should aim to fulfil themselves. They will be sure to make the best and most of themselves if they work along the line of their likings and adaptations. It was a wise old man who said: "Train a youth according to his own bent, and when he is old he will not depart from it." And three-fourths of the task of education would be accomplished, if, at the end of his course, the undergraduate could be put upon this sure way of realizing himself, so that at

any advanced stage of his life he could look back upon the path traversed and feel satisfied to follow on to the end. I do not mean that one must necessarily choose the exact form and mode of his life-work before or during his college residence. But, ordinarily, it is best to have a clear and strong persuasion of what one is really called to do in the world. And this is becoming all the time more imperative, because our University is inevitably specializing more and more as the years go on, as the High Schools do more of College work and do it better, and as the training for professional work is being more aptly and efficiently provided within our class-rooms and laboratories. It is, therefore, usually well for the man who is not yet aware of his natural bent or his true powers to take the so-called General Course. And are there not many, who have already decided upon their future vocations, who might well make the same choice? It would surely seem so. Indeed, it is a question whether the General Course should not be made the best possible for the future lawyer, clergyman, or business man of any special occupation.

But what about the future physician, or chemist, or electrician, or scientific man generally? The mention of science in connection with University Ideals brings up an issue which reaches further and strikes deeper than any prescribed system of study, general or eclectic. We have just defined our student to be, *in posse*, at least, a man of culture. Can a student be this and at the same time a mere devotee of routine and prescription? Surely not. But there is another question less obvious, but just as important and urgent: Can a student give his time almost exclusively to special work in any line whatever and yet be a man of culture? The answer must come just as decidedly: He surely can. Everything here depends upon the spirit of the man, his antecedents, habits and disposition, his outlook upon life, his sense of the true relations of his work. If he has these aright and in due measure, he is becoming a cultured man, whether he is a general or a special student. Being a general student is not sure to give him culture, nor will his being a specialist withhold it from him or rob him of it. But he cannot get it if he is either a trifler or a "plug."

Against which of these false extremes does the average student need most warning? Against the tendency to trifle, for it is easier to fall into and is more seductive than the other. All trifiers are not idlers. Nothing is more common and natural than for a more or less clever student to imagine that, after all, he is his own best guide in the details of study. In this he may make the mistake of his life. It is one thing for him to follow his natural bent in the choice of a calling or in the general selection of his studies. It is quite another thing for him to fancy that he can safely be his own tutor and academic mentor. The delusion often takes the form of supposing that an extended course of general reading will make him a scholar and a man of culture. Nor are examples wanting of those who have seemed to grow strong and robust by literary browsing. It is pointed out that college men of high honors have

often failed to become leaders of thought and action, and that very many who have made no figure in the class lists have achieved distinction in the wider competition of later life. The supposed antithesis is both delusive and illusive. Let it be granted in all fairness that there are brilliant instances of men who, as undergraduates, have made class standing secondary, have taken their own way of making the most and best of a college course, and have apparently attained thereby the highest possible good—men like Macaulay and Sumner and Woodrow Wilson and our own Chamberlain. The young student may try to emulate such examples if he will. But let him be sure that he fulfils certain essential conditions: that, like such distinguished statesmen or scholars as these, he has a passion for knowledge and self-cultivation; that his mind is sufficiently large and retentive to appropriate securely the facts and ideas of several branches of historical or literary or scientific research, and sufficiently athletic to move rapidly and untriringly from one field of intellectual activity to another; that he is declining the severe training of preparation for class-work or examinations because he regards them as imperfect means to their ends, and not because he in his secret heart desires to have an easier time of it while at college. For the average man, that is to say ninety-nine out of a hundred of our students, the safest and wisest course is to study hard and systematically along the lines of the prescribed course and the lectures, to make that his first, even if not his exclusive consideration, in a word, to avail himself of what the University can best do for him and is primarily designed to do.

Under this regime the student may not become a scholar—indeed, no one can be made a scholar in the proper sense of the word during his undergraduate course; such an achievement is gained by post-graduate study or the self-development of later years—but he will obtain some knowledge not to be wholly lost, and a discipline of mind and will more valuable than most of the knowledge of the schools. If any student does not make these gains in his state of tutelage, either himself or the University or both together are at fault. If he does obtain them he is enriched with indispensable elements of culture. He does not thereby gain all that he should gain in his undergraduate life or all that he has a right to expect from his university. There are some things which neither books nor lectures can confer upon a student, without which he can become neither a man of culture, nor a beneficent force in society, nor a true patriot.

J. F. McCURDY, ΔΥ

SUCCESS.

Success for everyone if duty be achieved,
Without a thought of fame and be it ne'er believed
Success is not the faithful test of merit;
For they who win the diadem must wear it,
A symbol of a life's unfailling toil,
Of will and purpose 'mid the world's turmoil.

Our life is short, and very long is art,
To one set aim intense, so steel thy heart,
Though ignorant of the knowledge others woo,
Thou still canst say, "this one thing well I do."
If for success so dearly thou hast fought,
The world despises what is cheaply bought.

A. B. V.

THE UNIVERSITY SERMONS.

THE projected course of University sermons has materialized; the first sermon will be preached on Sunday next, January 25, at 11 a.m., in Wycliffe Convocation Hall, the others in the same place on various Sundays between now and April 5, according to the published list.

The Select Preachers represent the three large denominations of Presbyterianism, Anglicanism and Methodism; they represent also our own University and College, Cambridge, London and Edinburgh.

The first preacher, the Rev. John De Soyers, of St. John, New Brunswick, represents the Anglican Church, the University of Cambridge, the world-wide genius of the Huguenots; that palmary illustration of persecution fatally successful, which has given to every British pulpit from Anglicanism to Unitarianism some of its highest genius and eloquence, from Norwich in the old world, the home of James Martineau, to the Anglican diocese of Canada in the new.

The proportions of Wycliffe Convocation Hall limit the issue of tickets; the student representatives of University and Victoria Colleges, of the S.P.S. of the Medical Faculty of the Colleges of Dentistry and Pharmacy, have tickets at their disposal, which will be given out in order of application to the students of these various bodies, in proportion to their number until this issue is exhausted.

The seats are reserved until eleven o'clock for students only (and there should be no room for anyone else), the platform for their faculties. Students who have been unable to get tickets may be able to get seats at eleven o'clock, but no one should apply for a ticket who does not mean to do his best to attend. The capacity of the hall is between five and six hundred.

Rev. De Soyers is a very able lecturer and preacher. Some one has asked whether students have a different kind of soul from other people that they should have special sermons. Certainly they have, what is their meat is many person's poison. The average man, and still more the average woman, needs above all, encouragement from the pulpit, cheery consolation, after the trials of the week, cheerful advice for the next. "I go to church," said an educated and refined woman lately, "that I may think again for a space that the world is not so very wretched, that I may gather some fresh hope and courage. I don't go to hear what difficulties surround the Christian theory, they don't touch me and I don't want to know about them."

But students full of vitality and not depressed by life in the least, perhaps needing a little depression, have different tastes and other needs.

An abstract sermon wholly divorced from the practical little things of daily life, a sermon of metaphysics or logic, a sermon touching on "fate, free will, foreknowledge absolute" or on the perplexity of the Christian faith and theory, and of the solutions of its theological difficulties, such a sermon often finds them, and it should find them; they come to the University to reason and to think more than in the narrow sense to act; thoughts are to be their deeds.

"I am sorry to learn from you," said a simple-minded hearer to a preacher who had preached, as he thought, an elaborate apologia for Christianity, "that Christianity is not true but I shall continue to believe it." Not all hearers are so sure in their instincts and so wise, such sermons do much harm often to many, conversely they are often welcome to students and needed by them; they should have, so far as possible, their own preacher, who will preach "not only as a dying man to dying men," but as a thinker to students, and this is the idea the committee have had in view.

MAURICE HUTTON ΔΥ

MODERN PROVERBS.

II.

1. He that readeth his work in the summer is wise, but he that spendeth his time in Muskoka will be sorry in May.
2. He that winketh with the eye is a Freshman, but the Senior looketh straight ahead.
3. As Vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke of cheap cigars to the nose, so is the sluggard to them that send him to college.
4. He that is surety for a stranger, shall smart for it; and he that lendeth to a friend shall wear his last year's overcoat.
5. He that withholdeth coal, the people shall curse him, but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
6. There shall no evil happen to her that skips no dances, but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
7. A wicked messenger boy soon loseth his job, but a faithful ambassador receiveth many tips.
8. Every wise woman hath two programmes, and loseth that she wanteth not.
9. Better a corner of the housetop, where a fire is, than the front room in a cold boarding house.
10. It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer of second-hand books; but afterwards he shaketh hands with himself.
11. He that saith unto the homely Fourth Year girl, Thou art beauteous, him shall the Freshettes curse, the Sophs shall abhor him.
12. As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is a registered letter from home to the student.
13. Answer not a Freshman according to his freshness lest thou also be like unto him.

SOLOMON JR.

UNIVERSITY SERMON SERIES.

EVER since November a strong committee representing the Staff and Undergraduates of all the Faculties and affiliated colleges of the University of Toronto, has been busily engaged arranging for a series of sermons to be delivered exclusively to the student body during the present academic year. At last the committee is able to report the result of its labors.

The services will be held in Wycliffe's new Convocation Hall (the largest assembly room on University property) on Sunday mornings at the regular church hour—eleven o'clock. Owing to the size of the hall, it will be necessary to divide tickets of admission among the different colleges—proportionately to the number of students in attendance at each. The preachers and their dates are as follows:

January 25.—Rev. John DeSoyers, of St. John, N.B.

February 8.—Rev. W. T. Herridge, D.D., of Ottawa.

February 22.—Rev. C. W. Gordon ("Ralph Connor"), of Winnipeg.

March 15.—Rev. James Barclay, D.D., of Montreal.

March 29.—Rev. Principal Maggs, of Wesleyan College, Montreal.

April 15.—Rev. Professor Cody, of Toronto.

The committee having the arrangements in hand is composed of the following: Principal Hutton, of University College (chairman); Mr. James Brebner, B.A. (treasurer); Chancellor Burwash, of Victoria; Principal Caven, of Knox; Principal Sheraton, of Wycliffe; Dean Willmott, of the Dental College; Dean Reeve, of the Medical Faculty; Messrs. Baird, Darling and Cochrane, of University College; E. W. Wallace, of Victoria (Arts), and F. A. Farewell, B.A., of Victoria (Theology); H. L. Haslam, of Wycliffe; C. E. Greenway and A. G. McPhedran, B.A., Toronto Meds.; Messrs. Walt and Wilkinson, of Dental College.

University sermons are very successfully conducted in all the large English and American Universities, and it is expected that this series will be enthusiastically supported by the student body of the University of Toronto.

THE CHEMICAL MUSEUM.

A short time ago, a detailed account appeared in the city dailies, of a fine set of pure chemicals, which had been presented to the University, by friends interested in the chemical manufactures of Great Britain. With the idea that it would be a good thing to bring the matter more directly before the student body, this article is written.

Were it not for the fact, that space is at a high premium in the Chemical Laboratory, we might have a display there of these specimens, which would compare favorably, in quality at least, with the splendid Museums in the Biological building. However although put up in a rather crowded manner in the weighing room of the Laboratory, it is nevertheless a collection well worth inspection. It will help us to form some idea of the extent of the chemical manufacturing industry of the United Kingdom. Some day it is hoped that they will be able to be shown to better advantage and in the meantime all are welcome to see them as they are.

Prof. Lang expects another lot of specimens at an early date and further he purposes, when in Great Britain next summer, "to beg, steal or borrow a great many more." So we may look forward to possessing another fine museum collection in the very near future.

These chemicals are in daily use in the lecture room. They include samples, of pure salts and metals, of certain raw materials and the products obtained from them. There is a fine collection of compounds of mercury, tin, bismuth, phosphorus, copper, zinc and aluminium besides specimens of the pure metals themselves; beautiful crystals of the alums and the native bauxites from which they are made; large crystals of yellow and red prussiate of potash; specimens of the bituminous shales used in the production of naphtha, lighting and lubricating mineral oils and solid paraffin waxes—every stage in the production of the finished articles is shown; specimens of soda crystals and other alkali products from the famous Brunner-Mond Works; the materials used at the various stages in the manufacture of soda and bleaching powder, mineral pigments, etc.; brass and gun-metal alloys, showing fractures with the breaking strains and analyses attached; natural dyewoods and an exhaustive collection of coal-tar colors.

Most of these specimens are shown in bottles specially prepared for them and all are distinctly labelled. They make with their varied colors a very pretty and interesting exhibit. The specimens number well over five hundred and form a chemical museum of great educational value. Any student who is at all interested in such matters will come away from visiting this collection well satisfied that the time there has been well spent.

H. L. K. '03.

Kerr

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The regular meeting of the Natural Science Association was held on Thursday afternoon. Mr. F. R. Miller, '03, read a paper on "Biogenesis and Abiogenesis." It was shown how, in former times, the belief in biogenesis or spontaneous generation of the lower organizations was so widely spread; and finally how, by scientific research, the doctrine of biogenesis became of universal application. Mr. W. Morrison, '03, then gave a very interesting account of "The Hamilton Smelting Works" The transportation of the ore and the general running of the works were described in detail.

There was an old man of Tarentum,
Who bit on his teeth till he bent 'em,

When asked as to the cost

Of the teeth he had lost,

He said "I don't know cos I rent 'em!"—Ex.

TWO POEMS ON THE IRONY OF NATURE.

A Toronto Professor, visiting Queen's College some months ago, was so unfortunate as to lose a new pair of overshoes among his hosts. They were at first supposed to be traceable to a distinguished Queen's Professor who is an efficient "drummer" for Queen's in this district, and consumes many overshoes in the course of his missionary work. Hence the first poem. They were ultimately traced to the absent-minded energy of an equally active Theologian. Hence the paraphrase of Aristophanes.

THE IRONY OF NATURE.

A poor Professor once their lived
 In great Toronto town,
 To meet a rival college staff
 This gentle man went down.

Not much was his: a little Greek,
 Less Latin, Science rank;
 Slight balance in his head or feet,
 No balance at his bank.

One thing alone, a brand-new pair
 Of overshoes had he;
 His careful wife had saved their price
 By watering his tea.

And when he reached the rival town
 A rival teacher straight
 Abstracting those good overshoes,
 Left others out of date.

Both out of date and out of sole;
 And straight through fields and farms
 This rival claimed his school was best
 And vaunted all her charms.

He'd always had a rubber neck,
 Now he had rubber toes;
 With every squeak those rubbers squeaked
 A whoop for Queen's arose.

With every mile those rubbers made,
 The millions grew for Queen's,
 And every house those rubbers left
 Increased her ways and means.

"How beautiful upon the hills,"
 Men cried, "his rubber shines,
 Who brings us tidings glad of Queen's,
 Her Arts, her Grants, her mines."

So through that snow-bound country side
 Did Queen's cause boom and fizz.
 Toronto's man went lamely home,
 Was ever grief like his?

Sans credit for his college won,
 Sans future, sans recall,
 Sans entries for his Freshman class,
 Sans overshoes, sans all.

ARISTOPHANES' FROGS—1206-1247.

ληκύθιον ἀπόλεσεν.

Euripides, Æschylus and Dionysos are the interlocutors.

Euripides—"One from Toronto" says a modern muse
 "With bag and lecture from the railway cars
 Landing at Kingston,"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoes.

Dion.—What overshoes were those, confound his stars!
 Read him another prologue; this one jars!

Eurip.—"A poor professor, resolution's hues
 O'ersickled with pale thought, in winter raw
 Visiting Kingston,"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoes,

Dion.—God bless those shoes, they have been lost before.

Eurip.—It nothing boots, or rather, nothing shoes
 Can do, shall bring this prologue to misuse.
 "No man professing Greek gets all his due.
 This man in Kingston does not draw much screw
 That from Toronto"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoe.

Dion.—These shoes are too elastic, let them stew
 In their own rubber; give us something new.

Eurip.—"Leaving Toronto's schools, whose grants are few,
 For Kingston with the greatest Grant on Earth,
 A Greek Professor"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoe.

Dion.—My dear chap, sell those shoes below their worth.

Eurip.—Not much; I have a score of tragic scenes,
 With whose feet rubbers will not fit or fuse.
 "One from Toronto Lecturing at Queen's
 On 'Oxford Types' once"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoes.

Dion.—You see those shoes are on the carpet still;
 Sell 'em, my good sir, for a dollar bill,
 And buy a cheaper pair; a dollar lost
 Is nothing when they let in such a frost.

Eurip.—I tell you I've still poems old and new.
 "One going to Kingston"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoe.

Eurip.—Now stop and let me finish out the verse.
 "One going to Queen's to speak of what he knew
 Of Jowett, Cotton, Pattison and worse,
 Among the preachers"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoe.

Dion.—Among the preachers! Surely not through them?

Eurip.—Now just one moment, and I'll say amen.
 "One sitting in the circle of th' elect
 And hearing how St. John with passion swept,
 Found in the Logos the unerring clue
 To this world's mystery"

Æsch.— Lost his overshoe.

Dion.—Once more he has you with the same old cue.
 As a stye gathers and depraves the seat
 Of vision, so his rubbers draw the feet.
 Of all your verses till their breath's unsweet.

—Maurice Hutton. 07

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the EDITOR OF VARSITY :

DEAR SIR,—Nothing seems to have resulted from the discussion which appeared in your columns last term in regard to the proposed plans for Commencement in June. May I ask whether these plans cannot be put into practical form? Their failure to mature would be most unfortunate.

Both Alumni and Professors who are familiar with student life, past and present, in Toronto and elsewhere, agree in affirming strongly that what our Toronto men need more than anything else is to feel that they are part of the University. The lack of this feeling explains part of the difficulty which is found in maintaining student organizations, and the apathy with which our Graduates treat the University. We are told that they have a strong, quiet, deep-rooted love for their *Alma Mater*. That may be true, but this love should be demonstrative, not quiet, it should be warm and burning as well as strong. To be sure the blame is thrown, and with much reason, on the lack of a dormitory system. If we lived in residence, doubtless, Commencement festivities would come spontaneously and without organization. But that is all the more reason for our rousing ourselves to see that our parting from our *Alma Mater* is of a fitting nature. Let us show her that we at least are not afraid to own the debt which we owe her.

For this purpose a committee should be organized and supported heartily by the entire Senior class. There is some tale of an Arts dance, separate from *conversat*. Cannot this be placed in Commencement week? The Alumni dinner is now an established festival, and should be well supported. The class of '84 has undertaken to raise \$18,000 for the Convocation Hall. Cannot the class of '03 assume some share of the work of raising this money?

The success of Class Day Exercises will depend entirely on the originality of those in charge, and the preparation made by those who take part. We work pretty hard at Toronto, and do not easily take to recreation; but Horace tells us that "Sweet it is to play the fool upon occasion," and surely we can lay aside our cares for a few hours and join with our classmates in recalling the long and interesting chapters of our class history. Class Day Exercises include a class history, class prophecy and an ivy oration, if the class leaves a root of ivy to decorate its mother's walls.

There are many difficulties in the way of organizing extensive Commencement exercises; these, however, can be overcome, and if a successful programme is arranged, other Years will not be slow to adopt it.

I remain,

Very respectfully yours,

H. MAURICE DARLING.

TORONTO, January 15, 1903.

Some men take the poison route,
While some jump in the lake,
And others get a gun and shoot,
And some gas treatment take.
By cigarettes some get hence,
Some on the thin ice slide,
While others go to more expense
And take an auto ride.

—Krishno, Toledo High School.

A SHAKESPEARE CIPHER.

RECENT investigations have brought to light some new facts in the disputed question of the Shakespearean cipher. For many years the wise ones have tried to prove that Bacon was Shakespeare or that he wasn't, according to the point of view. The discoveries which have just been made show that the immortal bard was a Pythagorean, and that, by means of a cipher, he foretold the coming of his soul in another body, under the name of Sardonius. We give the cipher as it was devised by Shakespeare. It will be seen that he so entitled his plays that the second last letters should spell the name of the future poet :

The TempeSt.
Midsummer-Night's DreAm.
Measure for MeasuRe.
Troilus and CressiDa.
Merry Wives of WindsOr.
Two Gentlemen of VeroNa.
As You Like It.
CoriolanUs.
Loves Labours LoSt.

In proof of the correctness of this cipher it is stated that just as Pythagoras was able to go to Greece and take down from the temple wall the arms of Achilles, who had had his soul in a previous age, so can Sardonius now go to the book-shelf and take down a volume of Shakespeare's works without having them pointed out to him previously.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The meeting of the Political Science Club on Thursday last was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The programme consisted of an address by Mr. John A. Ewan, on "Some Impressions of the Coal Strike." Mr. Ewan spent several weeks in the coal districts of Pennsylvania as special correspondent of *The Globe*, and is well qualified to speak on the subject. He sketched the history of the strike. The recognition of the union was made the main issue by the miners, who asked for arbitration, while the operators declared there was nothing to arbitrate. The speaker gave a graphic description of the social conditions of the mining settlements and of the grievances of the men, which showed very plainly that there was much need for investigation and arbitration. In the contest between the strikers and operators the leader of the miners, John Mitchell, clearly both out-generalled and out-wrote the operators. The men lost more in the strike than they could gain in thirty years by increased wages, but they were fighting and sacrificing themselves for principle and for the good of their descendants. There was disorder and lawlessness, but nothing else could be expected under the circumstances, although Mr. Mitchell did all he could to restrain his followers. The lesson of the strike was that some means must be found to compel settlement of labor disputes in the interests of the public.

At the next meeting of the club the programme will consist of reports of summer work and of the excursions, by members of the club.

THE PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

The Philosophical Society held its regular meeting on Friday afternoon in room 4, with Mr. Nicol in the chair. The programme consisted of a paper by Mr. J. Baird, '03 on some aspects of Kant's philosophy. The subject was treated in a clear and thoughtful manner by the essayist. A discussion followed which was participated in by Messrs. D. P. Rees, Chrystal, Hendrie, Carter, Prof. Hume and Mr. Tracy.

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TORONTO, January 21, 1903.

THE Senate of the University of Toronto has passed some important and far-reaching enactments during the past week. The regulations concerning term work have been made much more stringent. In the general course, term work will be compulsory during the whole four years. In the Honor Departments, also, term work will be required in the form of essays and laboratory work and in the Modern Language Department, proficiency in conversation will be counted, as judged during the whole term, instead of the oral examination at the end of the term.

The students in the Science Department will not specialize until the second year. During the first year there will be one general science course which all will be required to take.

The Modern Language Department has been divided into three sections: First, the Teutonic branch, consisting of English and German; second, the Romance branch, consisting of French, Spanish, and Italian; and third, a combination of these two so as to satisfy the Department of Education requirements.

A radical change has been made in the English and History Department. The new regulations allow French and German to be substituted as an option for Latin and Greek. History is already required or allowed as an option during three years of the Modern Language course. It will be seen then that the English and History course with the French and German option, is simply the Modern Language course with a little more history and a little less of the languages. Under these circumstances it would seem that the required result could have been secured much more easily by increasing the History option in the Modern Language course. In this way no course would have undergone such a sweeping change as has now taken place.

Another important change has been made in the conditions governing the granting of the degree of Master of Arts. As candidates may avail themselves of the provisions of the new statutes after June, 1903, we give a summary of its clauses:

1. A candidate must be of at least one year's standing as Bachelor of Arts in this University.
2. A candidate who, having graduated in honors, subsequently passes the final examination in any honor course other than the one in which he originally graduated, may obtain the degree.
3. A candidate who has obtained first-class honors in two departments at the examination for B.A. may obtain the degree.

4. A candidate who passes the final examination of the general course in Class I. or II. may obtain the degree by subsequently passing the final examination in any honor department.

5. A candidate who passes the final examination with honors or stands in Class I. or II. in the general course, may obtain the degree by presenting a thesis on some subject which is acceptable to the heads of the department. He may be required, in addition, to pass a written or oral examination on the subject chosen. In the case of those who do not stand in Class I. or II. of the general course, the written or oral examination will be compulsory.

6. A candidate who holds the degree of Ph.D. from this University will be granted the M.A. degree without further examination.

A curriculum in forestry has also been adopted. This course is a necessary addition to the science departments. The forests of our country are an important element in its prosperity and their preservation is essential for our supremacy in this matter. The regulation allowing third year students in the O. A. C. to enter this course should prove beneficial in bringing a scientific knowledge of forestry within reach of those who are most directly interested in it, and who will have the greatest opportunity of using their knowledge.

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We publish in another column a letter from Mr. Darling on the question of "Convocation." We agree with the writer that the movement which was commenced last term, having for its object the better celebration of this university function, should be forced to a successful issue. The idea meets with favor among Graduates as well as Undergraduates. The present Alumni Meeting and dinner are not sufficient to bring any large proportion of the Graduates back. But if a good excuse were given, in the form of class reunions and social meetings of the old Graduates, they would come back in large numbers to renew their acquaintance with their *Alma Mater*. This is what is wanted. The university can have no greater asset than an active, enthusiastic Alumni, whose interest in their university is kept alive by frequent intercourse with her. The difficulty of getting the graduated classes interested would not be so great as it would appear. Almost all the classes have officers who keep in touch with the members and, by placing our programme for Convocation festivities before them, we could, through them, get at all the Alumni.

But before doing this some definite scheme of operations should be devised. The American universities have some characteristic ceremony. We should originate something unique. It does not need to be anything elaborate. But even the simplest ceremony will get dignity with age, and what may seem petty to us, who do it for the first time, may be sufficient to bring us back to the old halls in after years. For simple though it may be, there will be only one place to see it performed.

If anything is going to be done in the matter, action should be taken at once. If we wish the honorary degrees to be conferred at another time, a petition to that effect should be presented to the Senate now. An intimation should be given to the Graduates also, as soon as a programme can be drafted. A discussion of the question at a meeting of the year is in order.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS M. L. McDARRY, Superintending Editor.



THINGS, so far as the College Girl is concerned, seem to be going in the "even tenor of their way." Christmas gaieties are past and gone, so are our procrastinations. Already a certain expression is beginning to appear on surrounding faces, which, though translatable in various ways, to the initiated or, I may add, "fellows in misery," means something like "do it or die." The contrast between the expression worn to-day and that universally noticed four weeks ago is in one sense quite appalling, and yet it has its ludicrous side. It certainly would supply excellent working material for a chapter in "Afterthoughts" or "Memories of the Past and Forecastings of the Future."

We all, beyond a doubt, came to college last October with a firm determination to distinguish ourselves this year if we never did before. Some of us thought we had profited by experience, and therefore would shun with brave self-denial the allurements which heretofore had charmed us from the straight and narrow path of self-improvement, or, in other words, of "work."

Others, in not quite such an outspoken spirit of utter self-abnegation, were far-seeing enough and, shall we say, honest enough, to affirm that "they knew they would not get much work done before Christmas," thereby shocking the most self-righteous of us at the time. But alas and alack for brave resolutions and weak executions!

By the time November had come even the most dutiful had, for the time being, cast all warning whispers to the winds, and blindly, yea, trustingly, we went on our merry way. In December how regretfully astonished, forsooth, were we to find into what "fantasies of the brains" all our brave resolutions concerning the interests of life in general and of college life in particular, had resolved themselves!

And yet, despite the fact that we have found ourselves deluded—nay, more bitter to relate, *self*-deluded—and now, in the intervals, sadly realize that, truly indeed, "what we call time enough always proves little enough," we somehow feel perversely glad that, after all, "poor old experience was mocked with thanks for her instruction," and that we didn't commit the egregious error of condensing all aspects of education, including physical, social and moral, into the intellectual, with a capital I.

After all, we are not surprised to find that we have our fair share of the foibles of human nature, and we comfort ourselves with the reflection that, just as "slang" is said to be the life of a language, so it may perhaps be that the life of a college is best demonstrated by the wide-awake state of its students—even if, to keep wide awake, 'tis at times necessary to lose sight of the library shelves and the volumes thereon.

Life, like literature, needs the inspiration which idealism quickens and promotes. Idealistic days, 'tis true, are over for the present, but we do not regret having had them. They have but given us inspiration for the intensely practical days to come. "The young future is nurtured by the past, yet aspires to a nobler life." "Let us, then, be up and doing, and doing to the purpose, so by diligence shall we do with less perplexity."

A. R.

THE LIT.

THE first regular meeting of The Lit for the Easter term was held Friday evening, with a debate as the "piece de resistance."

Secretary Day's appearance without a gown was not to the liking of the crowd, but he won forgiveness by cutting the minutes short. The vice-president in the chair mooted the project of a University College At-Home. Messrs. Gillie's, Odell, Baird, McAllister, Megan and O'Leary expressed views on the matter and it was resolved to hold an At-Home in the first week of February.

Mr. French presented the following resolutions from the Executive Committee:

1. That Mr. C. J. Allan and Mr. W. Morrison be the leaders of the Government and Opposition respectively in a Mock Parliament to be held next Friday evening—carried.

2. That the following constitute the At-Home Committee:

Fourth year:—Messrs. W. H. McGuire, (chairman), H. L. Hoyles, C. M. Colquhoun, J. G. Lorrigan, H. W. O'Flynn, W. Morrison.

Third year:—Messrs. W. J. K. Vanston, H. G. O'Leary, L. Eedy, G. Ballard.

Second year:—Messrs. Philips, Mason and Balfour.

First year:—Messrs. McCreary and Lang—carried.

Mr. Megan, as chairman of the Dinner Committee, reported that the attendance at the dinner had been larger than in previous years and that in consequence the committee had been able to meet all its liabilities.

This concluded the business of the evening and the society turned its attention to the literary programme. Mr. Arch. Toulds, accompanied by Mr. Collins, was roundly encoured for his violin solo, and Mr. Bilky sang "Crossing the Bar" with effect.

Now came the event of the evening, the debate on the proposition. "Resolved that Canada should contribute to an Imperial fund for the General Defence of the Empire." Mr. Munro '05 and Mr. Harrison '04 suggested the affirmative and Mr. Hofferd '06 and Mr. McKinnon '03 the negative. Messrs. Megan, Gillies and Vanston were appointed judges.

Mr. Munro, in introducing the delegate, urged the necessity and difficulty of defending the Empire. It was time for Canada to assume international responsibilities as she was assuming international relations. Canada was able to contribute to the navy, a force essential to the protection of Canadian commerce manufacturers and produce.

Mr. Hofferd contended that Canada should be the granary and not military support of the Empire. A satisfactory means of controlling the expenditure of the fund had not been suggested. Canada should develop self-reliance and the alternative of a Canadian navy was proposed. Canada was not in a position to spend more on military matters than she had, and the proposition altogether was reactionary.

Mr. Harrison represented the Empire's need of our aid. We were unable to defend ourselves single-handed, and by our aid alone could the navy of the United States be prevented from surpassing that of Great Britain. Canada's contribution to defence was insignificant when compared with that of Great Britain. Canada was in danger from the United States and her safety lay in the closer consolidation of the Empire.

Mr. McKinnon levied the possibility of such a contribution securing us representation in an Imperial council. In the past Canadian interests had always been sacrificed to Imperial interests. We should look to our own interests and develop our own resources. Our contribution would not lessen the burdens of the English taxpayer, nor, indeed, was the navy necessary to protect our commerce. It was unwise to bind our future or encourage militarism. He ended with a brilliant peroration on the works of the Hague arbitration tribunal.

Mr. Munro replied effectively to some of the arguments of the negative, but after some consideration the judges awarded the debate to the negative.

THE SCHOOLMASTER IN THE COUNTRY.

THREE years of it! Three years as a country schoolmaster. Three winters of cold, dark mornings, of drifted roads, of paths to be broken with reluctant feet from the farmhouse on the hill to the little brick schoolhouse in the hollow. Three winters of stormy or of sleety days, when the old box stove would roar and vibrate with the fierce indraught made by the dozen maple blocks crammed into its great maw and the pipes reddening half way to the ceiling in the heat of their burning. Three winters of dreary, storm-bound evenings spent with a book or a writing-pad, while the farmer studied the local paper and his wife and daughter did mending or embroidery, and the silence was broken only by the clock and the crackling of the fire in the air-tight heater until, with the retiring of the women, a political discussion would begin, with little chance of ending before midnight.

But, then, the winters held more than stormy days and shut-in evenings. There were the mornings when the air was still and the sun was reflected in dazzling brilliance from the snow that sparkled cold and beautiful beneath the foot and everywhere over the broad fields as far as one could see, and when the horses dashed up to the schoolhouse white with the rime of their own breathing, prancing and champing as the sleighs discharged their freight of sturdy boys and rosy-faced little girls, so rolled up in hoods, and shawls and scarfs that the teacher would have to unpin them before they could help themselves. There were, too, the days when every seat was full and work was hard, but when the noon hour saw the whole brood of them roistering in the wild excitement of snow battles, when snow men were set to guard the schoolyard gates, and the steam of drying boots and mittens rose from within the fire-screens throughout all the busy afternoon. And then there were those other nights when the roads stretched out far and the sleigh track gleamed like polished steel under the cold glitter of a winter moon and the galaxy of stars never seen at any other time; nights when the runners of one's cutter would shriek and hiss on the frozen snow of the roadbed and the bells would only seem to accentuate the silence that was everywhere around so perfect. A firelight glowing or a night lamp dimly shining through a window as one drove along with loosened reins were the only distractions, and wonderful were the dreams in those silent night drives, returning after enjoying someone's hospitality somewhere.

And then the spring, with the smell of the fresh-ploughed land, followed by the almost overpowering odors from the orchards and, before school closed for the summer vacation, by the scent of new mown hay. The glad new life of all the young things on the farms, the birds, and the flowers and the little children just beginning their life in school—all seemed to make one feel the pulsing joy of living in a world of life.

The winter and the spring were good, but how can one tell of the autumns? The smell of the corn and turnip land, the sight of the well-tilled fallows and the dull gold of the stubble fields pervading the senses until the glory of the autumn woods in the purple haze of the fall made them dull to everything else. The crest of the hill above the school brought it all into view, and the shouts of the children rolling in the heaps of fallen leaves in the playground came up as from some place far away, and one choked back the strange emotion that made the throat ache and the eye grow moist as he looked and heard.

Three years of life among all this, three years of work and perhaps of growth, but at any rate, three years of happy memory.

M.H.V.C.

An old man who lived by a chasm
Fell over the edge in a spasm;
He lit on his head
Since then, it is said,
He stays in the house when he has 'em!—Ex.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The first meeting of the Engineering Society for the Easter term took place in Dr. Ellis' lecture room on Wednesday, January 14, with the president in the chair. Considerable interest was manifested in the meeting from the fact that the paper of the day was to be presented by an Undergraduate, and later developments showed that that interest had not been misplaced.

Mr. J. C. Gardner, '03, who gave the paper, treated the "Erection of the Grand Trunk Railway Arch at Niagara" in a most interesting and instructive way, illustrating his remarks by a large number of excellent slides. Mr. Gardner gave a brief historical sketch of the earlier structures which spanned the gorge at the same point, pointing out the various alterations in them necessitated by the increase of traffic. He then dealt with the methods pursued in erecting the arch and the final testing of it after completion. Mr. Gardner also gave some additional slides showing the manner of erecting the upper highway arch bridge and also various glimpses of Niagara in winter.

Mr. A. E. Davison, on behalf of the Pin Committee, moved, seconded by Mr. W. J. Larkworthy, that the design symbolical of the University as well as of the School be adopted. The motion was carried. On the motion of Mr. C. G. Williams, the matter of material for the pin was left with the committee. Mr. B. B. Patten thought that the pin should be worn by Graduates only, and moved to that effect. Mr. J. W. Johnston had contrary views, and moved in amendment that the pin be worn by Undergraduates as well as by Graduates. Messrs. Burwash, Hamilton, Smith and Young contributed some further opinions on the subject. On the question being put to a vote, the amendment carried.

THEY DID NOT UNDERSTAND.

HE was a fine, strapping young fellow who got in at X—street and took one of the many empty seats in the car. Had anyone been noticing him they would have seen his brows suddenly contract and a soft oath escape his lips in a few minutes. She was a pretty dainty young lady who got in at L—street, and after a cheerful nod to him made a movement to take the only vacant seat beside him. But the inevitable fat lady, who had got in at the other end, showed extraordinary agility for one so encumbered, by sitting down first. In evident embarrassment he took off his hat and vainly tried to make room for her beside him. Everyone looked their surprise when the car jolted on and he kept his seat. She grabbed the strap and smiling down on him, kept on talking. She got out before there were any more vacant seats. The standing men eyed him curiously. The disdainful glances of the ladies he met with defiance. She had smiled when she said good-bye. How were they to know that he had managed to make her understand his predicament? And how were they to learn that it was at her suggestion he was the last passenger at the car sheds where he alighted and borrowed string from the conductor to mend in two places, "that blanky, blank, blank old suspender?"

ENIGMA.

There was a young lady from Lynn.
Who was so exceedingly thin,
That when she essayed
To drink lemonade
She slipped through the straw and fell in.—Ex.

A college student in rendering an account of his term's expenses inserted: "To charity, thirty dollars." His sire wrote back: "I fear charity covers a multitude of sins."—Ex.

SPORTS

J. G. LORRIMAN, Superintending Editor.

HOCKEY.

TORONTO LOSES FIRST GAME TO QUEEN'S.

THE Canadian Inter-College Hockey Union was formerly inaugurated at Kingston, Friday night, when Rev. Dr. Gordon, the new principal of Queen's, skated down the ice and placed the puck, thus starting the first Senior game of the series.

There was a large crowd in attendance, but, as the ice was very slushy, they did not witness any brilliant play. Combination work was almost impossible, and the superior weight of the Queen's team put Toronto at a great disadvantage on the slow ice.

Queen's started out with a rush, and the first ten minutes developed some fast hockey. Time and again the Presbyterian forwards swept down the ice, but the Toronto defence was playing a magnificent game, and, if the puck did get past Wright and Evans, it was stopped by Lash, who made phenomenal stops throughout the game. Finally, after fourteen minutes hard play, Richardson penetrated the defence and notched the first point for Queen's.

After the face-off, Queen's continued to press hard, and the Toronto forwards seemed unable to get into the game. In four minutes Walsh got one past Lash and Queen's had two to the good. For the rest of the first half Queen's kept on the aggressive, and clearly outplayed their opponents. When the Toronto forwards did wake up they found Merrill, MacDawall and Mills a succession of propositions too hard to negotiate. Finally, Richardson, who played the star forward game for the Kingston students, again netted the puck, and the half ended with the score Queen's, 3; Toronto, 0.

In the second half the play was much faster, and Toronto made a better showing than in the first period. It took Richardson thirteen minutes to score the next goal, and make the score Queen's, 4; Toronto, 0.

Toronto then woke up and made it very interesting for the Presbyterians. "Doc." Wright was putting up a grand game, and, after ten minutes play he tried one of his great shots from mid-ice, and the puck landed in the Queen's, net score, Queen's, 4; Toronto, 1.

Thus the score remained until within six minutes of time when Queen's rushed three goals through in quick succession, Walsh, Knight and Richardson doing the trick.

For Toronto, Lash in goal played a great game, and turned aside many shots ticketed for the net. "Doc." Wright also shone brilliantly, but the forward line was lamentably weak.

Of the Queen's team, Dr. Merrill at cover point was a veritable stone wall, and Richardson was the star of the forward line. The Presbyterian line, however, developed some pretty combination at times, and they look to have a well-balanced team.

The game was almost entirely devoid of roughness, and Lash and MacDowall were the only players ruled off—each for tripping.

F. H. McLaren, of McGill, made a most satisfactory referee, and his decisions were never questioned.

THE LINE-UP:

Queen's (7.)	Toronto (1).
Mills.....Goal.....	Lash
MacDowall.....Point.....	Evans
Merrill.....Cover-Point.....	Wright
Knight.....Left Wing.....	Dillabough
Richardson.....Rover.....	Gilbert
Wilson.....Centre.....	Wood
Walsh.....Right Wing.....	Brown

Referee—F. H. McLaren, McGill. Goal Umpires.—W. F. Thorne, D. M. Solandt. Timekeepers—Frank D. Woodworth, R. W. Brock.

LACROSSE.

NEWS OF THE SPRING TOUR.

W. W. Livingstone, manager of the University of Toronto Lacrosse Team, has been in correspondence with many of the American colleges, during the past two months, and, already, he is in a position to announce that this spring's tour will be the most enjoyable in years. There is abundance of lacrosse material around the University this year, and there promises to be keen competition for places on the team. Last spring over forty men turned out at some of the practices, but it is expected that even more will, this year, try to take in the best tour around the University.

Mr. Livingstone has again arranged a game with John Hopkins, for the inter-college championship of America, to take place in Baltimore, June 6th.

A team picked from Oxford and Cambridge will likely visit America in the spring, and, if so, Toronto will play the combination for the inter-college championship of the world. The match will probably take place at Harvard, but the details are not yet settled.

The following is the schedule so far arranged:

May 25th—At St. Catherines.

May 26th—At Hobart University.

May 30th—Decoration Day, at Crescent Athletic Club, New York.

June 2nd—At Swarthmore College, Pennsylvania.

June 4th—At University of Pennsylvania, Franklin Field.

June 6th—At Johns Hopkin's University for the inter-college championship of America.

The announcement of this splendid tour, to which several more dates will likely be added before the season commences, should be enough to rouse enthusiasm in every lacrosse man in the University. Practice will begin as soon as the snow leaves the ground.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

For years, and as long as present Undergraduates can remember, University of Toronto has been known almost universally—in Canada at least—as "Varsity." Under this name our football, hockey and lacrosse teams, have performed prodigies of valour, and with the "Varsity" yell we have often shouted ourselves hoarse on the Athletic Field.

Our class-pins have always borne the device "V," or "Varsity," on a blue and white ground, and the pennants sold at a big profit by down-town merchants, bear the word "Varsity" in straggling capitals.

But we now feel that the time has come to take a broader view, even of this apparently unimportant question. Our Graduates are, in increasingly large numbers, accepting positions on the other side of the line, and our Undergraduates frequently visit there. It must be embarrassing for them to display a pin which gives no better clue to their *Alma Mater* than a "Varsity" pin; and, no doubt, it does not take them long to

discard what should ever be a memento of the best four years of their lives.

Recognizing this, a movement is now on foot to educate the present Undergraduates, and in this way the future ones, to refrain from speaking of the University as "Varsity," and a feeling has been created in favor of calling our *Alma Mater* by her proper name.

In no branch of academic life, can this movement receive greater encouragement, than in athletics. As has been said in these columns before, the lacrosse, baseball, and other teams which wear our colors in contests with the American colleges, always use the "Toronto" yell published last fall, instead of the "Varsity" call which rubs over the athletic field.

In the interests of our Graduates and of our University, we ask the students to do all in their power to make the name "Toronto" as significant as the words "Harvard" and "Yale." The time must come when the man who has graduated at Toronto, will hold that name in the same reference as another, who has spent his college days in Ithaca, does the no more significant "Cornell."

A LIBRARY ON GYMNASTICS.

RARE COLLECTION OF BOOKS PRESENTED TO UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

A library of 1,400 volumes, covering the whole department of gymnastics and its connected branches, has just been presented to the University of Chicago by Walter H. Wilson, of Chicago. The library, one of the few in the country on the subject of gymnastics, will be placed in the new Bartlett gymnasium now in construction at the university.

The collection of books comes from Leipzig, where it was formerly the property of Carl Euler, director of the Royal Turnlehrerbildungsanstalt in Berlin. The development of the gymnastics of the German people during the last century is presented in the collection.

Many of the volumes are rare, original editions, and there are also complete sets of all the leading continental periodicals on gymnastics. There is also a collection of gymnastic song books and athletic plays and games.

CHESS.

The second game of chess in the city Chess League series took place at the Y.M.C.A. parlors on Thursday evening. The University of Toronto and the Y.M.C.A. clubs were the contestants. The match brought out some very good games. The equality of the clubs is shown by the fact that both matches this year have resulted in a tie. Beck played a brilliant game and Clappison won out although he was a piece behind for a considerable time. Hunter and Brown won their games by steady aggressive play.

Varsity.		Y.M.C.A.	
Prof. Mavor.....	o	Harrington.....	1
Hunter.....	1	Dr. Meyer.....	o
Burton.....	o	Muntz.....	1
Beck.....	1	Blythe.....	o
Prof. Hutton.....	o	Willans.....	1
Clappison.....	1	Crompton.....	o
<u>E. E. Brown</u>	1	J. Powell.....	o
File.....	o	R. Powell.....	1
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The University of Toronto Chess Club has had an exceptionally successful year so far. The tables were in constant requisition before Christmas, and more players have shown an interest in the game than ever before. The club is arranging for the purchase of a number of sets of chessmen before opening the Handicap and Open Tournaments. The Beginners'

Tournament, which has been running along very slowly, will be closed at once. It is hoped that before the season is over more Undergraduates will have qualified for positions on the tournament team.

NOTES OF COLLEGE SPORT.

Heyd is getting back into shape rapidly, and will soon be in the game again.

Leland Stanford, Jr., University, is to erect a new gymnasium at a cost of \$500,000.

Georgetown University, which has developed so many notable baseball players, will have another strong team this year.

Cornell students are showing great interest in hockey, and the match with Yale, scheduled for January 20, was the subject of lively speculation.

Hugh Jennings, the well-known professional baseball player, who is coaching Cornell's team, already has the men working, and over 40 have turned out for places.

At Columbia, special interest is being taken in the track team this year. There is a larger number of candidates than last year, and the men are showing splendid form.

In the first Intermediate game of the Inter-College Hockey League, R.M.C. defeated Queen's II. by a score of 14 to 4. Chaucer Elliott was referee.

The Dining Hall Hockey League has been reorganized, and a new set of rules and regulations adopted. The match will begin this week.

The Kingston papers are talking about the ability of Queen's to "retain the Inter-College Championship." Can anybody tell us when, where and how they won it?

The University of Toronto beat Picton on Saturday night in a fast game by 8 to 7. Gilbert did not play. His loyalty to his home town is still too strong to allow him to oppose it.

The Executive of the Athletic Association, at Queen's, are considering the advisability of hiring a coach for their football team next fall. The veteran, Guy Curtis, is mentioned as a probable man for the job.

University College will put only two teams in the Jennings Cup series this year. That will serve to even up matters, as the other colleges have been getting too big to be fairly met by the Single Year's in U.C.

It is very probable that Harvard-Yale will send a track team to England this year to meet the Oxford-Cambridge combination. It will be remembered that the two big American Universities combined, defeated the Englishmen last summer, and the latter beat the combined teams of McGill and Toronto.

The McMaster-Toronto II. match in the Intermediate series of the Inter-College League, scheduled for last Thursday, was postponed until Monday afternoon, on account of clash of fixtures at the rink. The Toronto III.-Hamilton II. game was changed from January 15 to January 21 for the same reason.

James J. Corbett, the ex-champion of the world, who had been giving a monologue at Shea's all last week, came up to the gymnasium nearly every day and sparred with several of the students. He gained great popularity with the boys, and the running track and floor of the gymnasium were crowded everyday.

The Inter-College Athletic Conference was held last week in the Harvard Union, with representatives present from Harvard, Cornell, Brown, Columbia, Pennsylvania and Princeton. A committee was appointed to further consider eligibility rules, and the propriety of allowing First Year students to make places on the teams.

MEDICAL FACULTY.

Everyone is glad to see Mr. Charles Stapleford in his place again after a three weeks' confinement in the hospital.

The First-Year men seem to be proud of their Class pins. Nothing else could be the excuse for calling upon all those in the Class who had bought pins to stand up and be counted.

The petition praying for better student accommodation in the Hospital for Sick Children, forwarded some time ago through the Medical Society, to Mr. J. Ross Robertson, has not yet borne fruit of promise or of action.

An S. P. S. man left his solar plexis at home one day, so the papers say. There are Primary Medicals willing to pay for proof of the phenomenon, as it would often come in handy as an excuse to the examiner, when the structure is particularly hard to find.

Tutorial Classes have been organized under the several Assistant Demonstrators in Anatomy for the study of the central nervous system. These "Brain Grinds" are to the Sophomore what "Bone Grinds" are to the Freshman, only more so, so that the Second Year men are looking forward to a most happy winter's work.

The indoor baseball team is in difficulties. Their best bat has been restored to its original use as a towel-roller, and a note-book has to serve its purpose. This makes the work of the pitcher very hard, as it is difficult to throw a curve that cannot be found by the batter, especially as the rules still allow the flat side to be used in batting.

Before our remarks upon hockey were in type last week enthusiastic meetings were held by the Primary Years, with hockey as the subject of discussion. The result was that the Second Year appointed Mr. R. McIntyre as captain of the team, and the First Year made Mr. Ralph Williams its manager. Collections are being made for the necessary funds and the only thing left to be done is the selection of the players and the procession that is to escort the Jennings Cup to its niche of honor in the new Medical Building.

Numbers of Medical students of all Years foregathered with the choice spirits from Wycliffe and University College who assembled in the gymnasium on various evenings of last week to see his ex-greatness, Jas. J. Corbett, do the things we read about sometimes. The exhibition

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was good of its kind, but the Meds. were there out of curiosity only, and none of their number had the temerity to face the champion. Medical students never fight except under provocation, as everyone knows.

Election week brings with it that time-honored nuisance, the election cigarette. The reading-rooms and the corridors reek with them and still the canvassers thrust them upon the voters. They are cheap, and they are vile, and one who loves his tobacco turns in disgust from the miserable substitute offered as an open-bid for his vote. In another paragraph we spoke of courage in a candidate for office. We hope that there may be many courageous enough to refuse to stand for the imposition or to provide the abominations.

The Medical Society nominations were not held on Friday last, as the regulations provide, but we expect them to be advertised for January 23, before this issue of "The Varsity" appears. The interest is still lagging, and two candidates for the Presidency and two for the Vice-Presidency are all who have announced themselves at the time of writing. The platforms upon which these gentlemen will stand for election are not yet known, excepting that one of the candidates for the Presidency has spoken very decidedly about the necessity for a Debating Club or Literary Society in the Medical Faculty. This is a real neces-

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sity indeed, and one that is felt keenly by many of the students, but why multiply societies; what reason is there for creating new associations when the one we have could fill all requirements if it were under an executive with sufficient courage to make an innovation? Under the constitution, all general meetings of the Medical Society, excepting those for nominations and elections and the annual business meeting, are held at the call and discretion of the President. Since the dry-dinner discussion of so many years ago, there has not been a single meeting of the Society, and yet between three and four hundred dollars has been spent annually by the Executive Committees since that time. If the new President is elected on a promise to provide for popular discussion of topics of interest to the general membership, if he receives votes because of his approval of the set debate as a means of developing the freedom and grace of public speaking so necessary in the man of affairs, or if he approves of the discussion of literary or scientific topics by Medical students in their own gatherings, he has the remedy in his own hands for the existing state of affairs. Let him call the meetings and let him have the courage to open them every two weeks, and conduct them, even if there are but few to attend, and let him make them so thoroughly interesting that before his term is over they will run themselves and be full to overflowing every time. If not, let one of those who desire this, give notice of motion to amend the constitution and let Medical students have a chance to take their places in the Inter-Collegiate debates and the general membership have a voice in the expenditure of money. And, further, the President's chair is no place for a man without the time to spare for at least as many meetings as we have mentioned. If he wants the highest honors let him have them at the hands of either the students or the examiners, but let him not strive equally for both, in which case the work is usually done for the examiners. Of the present executive, we have only praise to offer, excepting in regard to certain pre-election promises along the lines discussed above, but they have, at any rate, been economical of the funds of the Society, and that counts for something in their favor. Let us have more progress next year, however, or let us amend the constitution.

SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Lecturer: "P-a is the whole push."

Mr. G. A. Crane, '05, has given up his course at the School.

"Billy" Elwell has not forsaken the School, as was reported.

The feature of the sparring exhibitions given by James J. Corbett last week in the gymnasium was his bout with Holt Gurney.

"One more unfortunate,
Oh! such a snap,
Rashly importunate
Gone to the tap."

"John Smeaton was the first man who styled himself a Civil Engineer"—Canadian Engineer. We should like to ask where "Ernie" Oliver comes in.

"Gentleman Jim" was nearly defeated by "Biddy" McLennan. The only thing that saved the ex-champion was the fact that friends led "Biddy" away before the commencement of the fight.

Have you ever felt that "nice, soft pressure on the hand" described in Hydrostatics?

Lecturer: "This jar is arranged so that all the water will run out when empty."

Both S. P. S. Hockey teams have had good practices and will be in good condition when the Jennings' Cup series opens. The Senior practice hours are Monday, 5-6; Wednesday, 5-6; Saturday, 12-1.

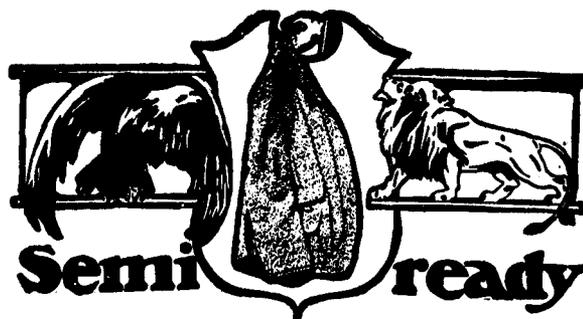
In a recent issue we attempted to ask why the students at S. P. S. could not

have a telephone. The printer's devil, however, got at the article and made such a muddle of it that even to ourselves it was unrecognizable. So once more we ask "Why can't we have a telephone?"

Lecturer in Compound Stress: "If you understand this you will be able to understand anything."

Lecturer in Mining, drawing a nugget: "Now, suppose you had a nugget like this." Hamilton: "Whew!" Lecturer: "That's quite possible; it's not the wise only who get those things."

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be useless, and the book itself has been grievously mauled. Men should bear in mind that a dictionary cannot be handled with immunity by sledge and crowbar methods.

Mr. J. P. Gordon, '03, has been incapacitated from work so far this term from a serious bronchial trouble, which at one time threatened to develop into typhoid. Mr. Gordon is improving now, and we hope to see him back in a week or so.

A certain Senior asserted that he had lost all interest in a particular lecture, whereupon his mate sadly confessed that he had lost all principal. We would suggest to the latter that men minus principles are rather too dangerous to be at large.

On Wednesday last the Engineers met their first defeat in the Indoor Baseball League to the Toronto Mounted Rifles by the score of 35 to 33. The Engineer's team: Baldwin, Alison, Ross, Charlebois, Reynolds, Weldon, Chown, Morden and Williams. The Engineers did not play their usual snappy game, and errors at critical points lost them the contest. The final game in their division will be played on Wednesday, January 21, and a win

will entitle the Engineers to play off with the leaders of the other section for the championship.

The first annual exhibition of the Ontario School of Fine Art has been in full swing in the draughting-room of the Civils of the Senior Year during the past week. The "works" consisted chiefly of picture puzzles, made up of figures of alarming and fearful proportions. Leaving out foreshortening, back-lengthening, side-stepping, general haziness of details, and so on, the productions reflect great credit on the artists and have drawn a steady stream of connoisseurs. Prizes have been established for successful solutions, the first to be a jewelled button-hook, and the second, a ticket for the "Star." Every solution must be accompanied by two subscriptions to The Ladies' Home Journal.

The matter of the establishment of a permanent bureau of information respecting School Graduates is one which is regarded with considerable favor by the authorities of the School. There is very good reason to believe that the latter would co-operate with the students in any attempt to improve the chances of employment for Graduates, as it is felt

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A fine, large map of Canada and two good photographs of Niagara Falls have recently been hung in the main corridor on the second floor. This is a most commendable move, and any further tendencies along this line will be regarded with no small amount of favor by the student body. It is no exaggeration to say that a good and reliable map, such as has recently been hung on the walls of the School, fosters more interest in the practical side of geographical and geological surveys, railroad engineering and mining engineering than a score of lectures on the subject. No man with the soul of the engineer in him can run his eye over the tremendous expanse of country, between the Atlantic and the Pacific, the 49th parallel and the Arctic Sea, without inwardly resolving to do some little, at least, toward adding to the sum total of knowledge of its possibilities and the utilization of these for the benefit of humanity. We would suggest that a companion piece in the way of a large geological map, so placed that it could be consulted by students, would be another most welcome addition to the yet scanty collection of such things owned by the School.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Herb. Hill has decided not to skate this winter.

The First-Year Debating Society met on Monday afternoon.

Even dogs are finding the Library attractive these days.

Mr. F. A. Clelland, B.A., '98, M.B., '01, is practising medicine in New York.

Mr. I. E. Moore, B.A., '03, Principal of Rothsay College, N.B., called on Thursday.

Hendrie, '03.—Never having entered into the experience of a donkey, I can't say.

Mr. C. J. Allan represented University College at the McGill At-Home on Friday evening.

Mr. Chrystal, '05, Classics, who did not return for the Michaelmas term, has rejoined his Class.

Mr. Charlie Armstrong has begun to drop his h's since he joined the All-English Dramatic Company.

The Varsity Banjo Mandolin and Guitar Club performed at the Asylum, on Queen street, on Friday evening.

Mr. McEvoy, formerly of '02, and now on the staff of The World, was at the Union on Tuesday after news.

There was a good range in the marks at the recent Chemistry term. exam. They went all the way from 87 to 27.

The Harmonic Club left on Monday afternoon for their eastern tour. They expect to return on Sunday morning.

Since the announcement of the recent supplemental exams, many "Sunny Jim's" are in evidence around the halls.

Messrs. Morrison and O'Leary performed very important parts in connection with the last regular meeting of the Ladies' Lit.

The last day for entries for the Oratory contest has been advanced one week, to January 22. There were five entries on Saturday.

For the benefit of numerous inquirers we may say that the schedule for the Ladies' Hockey League has not yet been published.

Miss Peers, B.A., '02, called at the Main Building on Friday. She was en route from New York to her home in Woodstock.

The disappearance of articles of wearing apparel, such as gloves, neck scarves and rubbers, is altogether too frequent around the buildings.

The question has been asked, Were the appointments to the positions at the Princess for the present week made for their knowledge of cues?

Mr. Keys welcomed the members of the Third Year Honor English Class after their return from the Christmas holidays with an original poem in Anglo-Saxon.

Much sympathy is felt for Miss Logan, '05, who was summoned to her home in Niagara Falls, on Saturday, January 10, on account of the sudden death of her father.

Doc. Colquhoun's work as an executioner this week is merely preliminary to the real manslaughter he will indulge in when the Dining-Hall Hockey League gets working.

Harrison at Lit.: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen (after Philosophical Association Meeting)—Chrystal—A donkey knows the difference between hay and the manger. Doesn't that show he has knowledge?

Mr. John Ewan, at the P. S. Club Meeting: "There is enough anthracite in the Pennsylvania coal regions to last one hundred years, by which time, many of us, no doubt, will have arranged for our coal supply elsewhere."

At the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. on Tuesday, the subject of "Chinese Missions" was dealt with by Misses. Fraser, Streight, Cowan and Edie. A solo, which was much enjoyed, was rendered by Miss Robertson.

At a special meeting of the Lit. held in the Students' Union Monday afternoon it was unanimously decided to eliminate dancing from the Conservat. this year and restore the Conservat. to its original function as a representative University social event.

"Jim Dumps" was keen on knowledge bent,

So off to College straight he went,
But bills grew fat, his purse grew slim,
The lustre in his eye grew dim,
Then dad coughed stacks of mon for him
And now again he's "Sunny Jim."

At the special meeting of the Lit. on Monday afternoon, the Conservat. scheme was submitted by Mr. W. H. McGuire, and on motion, adopted. This means that there will be no dancing at the Conservat. this year, but a dance may be held later, if desired.

Mr. A. H. Montgomery, B.A., one of our comparatively recent Graduates, is on the New York City Staff of the Medical Faculty of Cornell. He is also on the staff of one of the large dispensaries in New York City. He passed the New York State Board Exam. with honors.

The final Inter-Year debate will be held at the Lit. on February 6. The subject is "Resolved, that the United States offers greater opportunities to the young man than Canada." Messrs. Waddel and Mathieson have the affirmative and Messrs. E. R. Read and E. F. Hughes have the negative.

The great and only James J. Corbett, himself, ex-champion heavy-weight pugilist of the World, who was playing at Shea's last week, was up at the gymnasium last week a couple of afternoons, and created quite a furor. Among our local talent, who had the honor of "sparring" with him, were Messrs. Loudon and R. Biggs.

If any member of the Harmonic Club is missed around Varsity this week, a notice which appeared on the Union bulletin board on Friday may throw some light on the matter. It read, in part, as follows:

Notice: All members of the Harmonic Club must be at the Asylum to-night at 8 o'clock, sharp.—By Order.

The Class of '04 held an enthusiastic meeting on Wednesday afternoon to take steps towards getting out a Year-Book. The meeting was unanimously in favor of having a Year-Book, and appointed a committee composed of Messrs. Vance, Baird and Ballard, to consult with the Class of '04 in the other Faculties. The same gentlemen, assisted by Miss Rankin and Miss Moorish will have the power to nominate the Arts representatives on the Year-Book Committee.

The Lindsay Collegiate Institute have issued a neat little booklet containing the programme of lectures to be given under the auspices of the School during the present year. The names represent half a dozen of the best lecturers in Canada. The first page is given up to a handsome cut of the University of Toronto, main building. By its annual series of lectures, the Lindsay Collegiate has made itself the centre of the intellectual life of the district.

The programme of Saturday lectures for 1903 has been published. The Course consists of six lectures and they are given in aid of the Convocation Hall Fund. Tickets for the Course, \$1, or 25c. for the single lecture, may be obtained from Mr. Brebner and from Messrs. Tyrrell & Co., 8 King street west. The lectures will be given in the Chemical Building at 3 o'clock. The first, to be given on January 31, is by Professor T. L. Walker, and his subject is "Jungle Life in India." Others are as follows: February 7, "Raphael," by Professor Fraser; February 14, "Robert Louis Stevenson," by Professor Alexander; February 21, "Some Canadian Ideals," by Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor); February 28, "The Madrigal, Glee, and Part Song," by Dr. Albert Ham; and the concluding lecture, some time in April on "Foreign Influences on Shakespeare," by Dr. Sidney Lee.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Treasurer would be pleased, as soon as possible, to hear from those members who have not paid their fees.

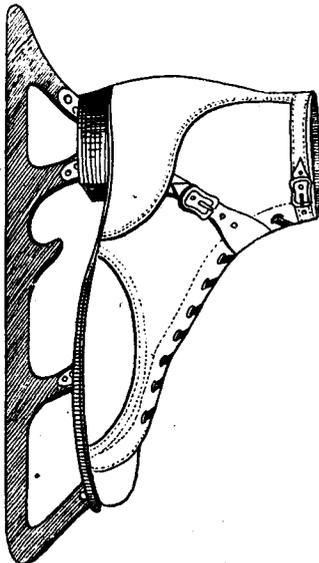
Professor Wrong's address on "Student Virtues and Vices" was personal, direct and appealing, and was listened to with marked attention by the large crowd of men present.

The annual Members' Reception will be held to-night in the Y.M.C.A. Building. Every member should have received an invitation; if any have been overlooked, they are asked to pardon the omission and come to to-night's reception.

Last Friday evening about fifteen members of the Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. gave a concert to the Boys' Club at the "Broadview Boys' Club," east of the Don. There were over one hundred boys present, who greatly enjoyed the programme provided.

On Thursday of this week nominations for next year's officers will take place, and the delegates who were at Northfield will present short reports. A proposition to employ the General Secretary next year jointly with the Medical Association, will also be considered at this week's meeting. Altogether this will be an important meeting and should be very largely attended by the members.

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WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Mr. McIntyre has completed his work on the Church Record, and has returned to "Varsity" work.

Mr. Hallorn takes Mr. W. E. Taylor's place as IV. Division representative in the Literary Society.

Mr. Sidney Patterson, Creswell, the field of his brother, Rev. R. B. Patterson, was in the College last week.

Congratulations to Messrs. Gilbert, Sadtler, Harlow and Hopkins on their success in the recent supplementary examinations.

Sports have gained a new impetus under the energetic leadership of Secretary McKee, of the Athletic Association. During the past year Baseball, Football, Hockey and Ping-Pong clubs have been organized with good results.

At the regular meeting on Friday two very practical papers were read from "News Items," on "Wycliffe in its Social Aspect," and "Wycliffe in Relation to the University." In the latter the advantages of the large field for development in the social, athletic and literary phrases of University life to be gained by taking part in the larger life of Varsity, were strongly emphasized and the men were strongly urged to get in the game. In this respect we are glad to notice a marked improvement.

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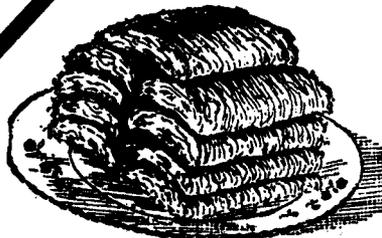
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