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## Editorial Comments.



THE large attendance at the Literary and Scientific Society for the past two meetings, and the enthusiastic manner in which the men are entering upon the work of the Society, is very encouraging. The men of all years are turning out in large numbers, and if they only continue to do so there is every ground for expecting one of the successful years in the annals of the Society. Perhaps the large attendance is only the result of that feeling with which every man enters college, that this year at least he is going to be a public-spirited man, attend and speak at the Literary, and in different other ways generally benefit himself. Then after a few weeks he begins to be haunted by exams. and hies himself away to his books, and becomes a plug. This will not happen so long as it can be shown that the evening at the Literary is even more beneficial than one at his books, and to clearly demonstrate that there must be live and interesting programmes every week. The executive have commenced work, and present in this issue a list of subjects for debate during the Michaelmas Term, which should be carefully perused by every one. They are all good questions, and not at all out of the reach of any student. That is a good idea of making all the debates open, for if the result of the two meetings so far held can be taken as a gauge of what future ones will be, there will be no lack of speakers. The voluntary system is considerably better than the usual one of names being called out by anybody and everybody, as is the case generally at our open debates.

The vacancy in the Society, caused by the resignation of Mr. L. P. Duff, B.A., LL.B, President-elect, has been filled by the election of Mr. T. A. Gibson, B.A. The members present were unanimous in their choice, and there is no doubt but that the wisdom of their choice will be demonstrated before the year is out. Mr. Gibson is a graduate of '88, and is thus one of the youngest graduates to whom the honor of election to the Presidency has been given, but that is no drawback. His bearing in the chair last Friday evening was such as to convince everyone present that the right man had been found to fill the position. The members of the Society regret that Mr. Duff, after being elected, was unable to lay his services at their disposal, but all will agree that in Mr. Gibson one thoroughly competent to take Mr. Duff's place has been secured. THE VARSITY extends its congratulations to Mr. Gibson on his election by the unanimous voice of the undergraduates.

The management of the Young Men's Christian Association deserve to be congratulated on the success of the

reception given last week. These receptions are one of the most pleasing features in our College life. They enable the older students, both ladies and gentlemen, to become better acquainted with one another, and at the same time allow the new ones to meet their future companions. It also gives the Faculty an opportunity of learning to know personally the students to whom they lecture day after day. These objects were, to a great extent, attained on the last occasion. If anything was lacking in this respect perhaps it was due to one feature of the programme, against the repetition of which on future occasions we protest. It is simply impossible to pursue any connected conversation when there are some fifty or a hundred men around the piano singing, perhaps soul-stirring, but, at the same time, conversation-disturbing songs. We think those gentlemen who do not care for the social side of the reception might at least so arrange their rendition of vocal selections as to avoid rendering almost impossible the attainment of one of the most important ends of such an entertainment.

The annual games will be held on the lawn next Friday afternoon, and, with good weather, promise to be a success. The organization meeting was poorly attended, but, notwithstanding this, a very energetic committee was appointed, whose business-like manner of procedure has partially made up for the apparent apathy of the mass of students. We should be loath to believe that the undergraduates of the University really wish these games to go down; we rather know to the contrary. They are a benefit to our College. They give our athletes an opportunity of making themselves known and brings the College life of the students before the many friends of the University, who annually come up to attend them. Subscription lists are in the hands of the committee, and this most important matter should not be neglected by those who, as we, believe thoroughly in the holding of such games.

We are pleased to see that the Freshmen are entering heartily into the life of the College by at once organizing a class society. These societies have, during the past year, been found most helpful adjuncts to the pleasure and benefit to be derived from college life, and have apparently come to stay. With the experience of the other years to guide them, the members of '94 should have a successful organization. The ladies of '91 have also arisen to a feeling of the necessity of having a society of their own and their's will be the first female class society in the College.

That was a wise action of the Senate in passing a statute for the establishment of a Fellow in Political Science. No one man can compass all the work of the whole four years of his department, especially one such as that of Political Science. There are other courses where Fellows might also be appointed to good advantage.

## A FRAGMENT.

I wandered along on eastern hills  
 When the year and the day and I  
 Were young together; when all the world  
 Seemed young, and that untold joy that thrills  
 Swelled forth in a thousand morning songs  
 Of sweet-voiced birds, and breathed from many a flower  
 That bloomed in beauty where the gentle water purled.

In silence I wandered, but through my soul  
 A wonderful music rung, that found no words;  
 For 'twas but the answering strain  
 To the voices of bird and wood and stream  
 That mingled into one wide harmony,  
 Finding an echo in my heart's quick pulse,  
 A smile of gladness in the dew drop's golden beam.

## THE DECAY OF FICTION.

A CYCLE of a century and a half has passed since the commencement of English fictitious literature. The appearance of Richardson's "Pamela," in 1740, is usually taken as the starting point of novel-writing in England. This work, and the novels of Fielding, Smollett, and their contemporaries, which followed closely upon it, and may be regarded as the outcome of "Pamela," stand apart in the history of literature as a group by themselves, second only in literary excellence to the productions of the earlier decades of the present century, of the era of Scott, Dickens and Thackeray. On a comparison of these works with the novels of our own day, we are struck at once by the marked difference, both in tone and in design. The former, we find, are careful and elaborate literary productions; the latter ephemeral effusions, written for a single generation and dying with it. The design of the older authors appears, upon examination, to have been to produce a work of real merit, one which should imitate in polish and excellence of detail the great models of epic and dramatic literature. Often, it is true, the execution falls far short of this design; but this design remains nevertheless. The productions of the present novel-writer, on the contrary, bear unmistakable evidence of being written in *diem*, intended to awaken a transitory interest and then pass into oblivion. That there has been a great decay in the character of fictitious literature is only too evident. Were other proof wanting we could find an infallible one in the attitude of the reading public of the present day towards the matter that they read. The novel is regarded by them as a thing to be read fleetingly, a thing not to be remembered, and from which no intellectual or moral benefit is expected. The very parts of it which, in a novel of true literary standard, should contain the greatest excellence, the interspersed descriptions, delineations and learned or moral excursions of the author, are treated with scant courtesy, and left unread. The skipper blows a whiff from his pipe and passes on, thirsting for "something to happen." To ascertain the cause of this marked decay it is necessary to consider what are the essential parts necessary to fictitious composition.

There are in the machinery of fiction two main elements—the one of action, the other of reflection and depiction. To the former element belongs what is commonly termed the *plot* of the ordinary novel—the peculiar combination of incident by which the author seeks to fasten the reader's interest. To the latter pertains the depiction of natural scenery, the presentation of isolated incidents and attitudes contained in the general plot, the inculcation of the moral bearing of the whole and its parts, and, most of all, the vivid portrayal of the various phases of human character and human motives. It is at once plain that, in a perfect work of fiction, these two elements must be harmoniously and proportionately blended; the presentation of incident and the delineation of character must preserve

a balanced and mutual support. While the individuality of the characters furnishes the motives for the actions that constitute the plot, so the actions, apart from their intrinsic interest, should heighten and exemplify the coloring of the characters, and remain in consistent unison with them.

It is plain, too, that the first element, that of incident, is by far the easier of production. A plot, so-called, consisting only in an interesting combination of occurrences may be almost formed mechanically. Occurrences are, so to speak, known quantities: the author has a series of stock incidents ready to his hand. The course of true love, a rival's jealousy attendant upon it, a murder, a suicide, the inheritance of property, the recklessness of youthful prodigality and the ruin consequent upon it, or to descend to a still lower stratum, the narration of adventures and the genuine episodes of war, rendered interesting by their association with fictitious personages, may be cited as among the most usual incidents of the author's stock-in-trade. A certain number of these incidents being chosen, a definite and nominally original plot may be constructed by a process almost resembling the formation of an algebraical permutation.

The second element, that of character, is incomparably more difficult of treatment. Originality in the literal sense, is here impossible. An author who seeks to make his characters original, renders them unnatural, and, unless viewed from a grotesque point of view, uninteresting. Incidents become interesting from not being known as already existing; the depiction of character is interesting only when it properly presents and analyzes that which is already known and which exists. A detailed series of action can only claim our attention by its striking want of resemblance with that which we have already known and experienced; the sketching of character, on the other hand, acquires its force by the just delineation of the human mind and its motives as we ourselves have felt and seen them. Action in a word is objective, while character is subjective.

We can infer at once that this second element demands for its production a far higher literary and creative power than does the first. A mere tyro may, by the ingenious combination of startling and improbable incidents, produce a novel which will excite the reader's curiosity sufficiently to render it interesting. He may even call forth a feeling of morbid interest by the very exaggeration and unnaturalness of his plot, or by the abundant recourse to the supernatural and gruesome, which so many authors affect. But there is nothing fine or delicate in the production; authors' characters create no interest of themselves. It is only the actions in which they figure as units, on which the claim of the work to any interest or originality rests.

Now, it is precisely in the varying proportions of these two elements—action and depiction, as we have named them—that the difference between the older and modern system of fiction writing lies. As we go backward in time we find an increasing predominance of the second element. On examining a work of the earlier stamp we find that the author has directed almost all his attention on depiction or character-sketching. In a work of the middle era, the early part of this century, the two elements are harmoniously balanced, while in the ordinary novel of the present day the element of incident is found to almost totally exclude the delineation of character. Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" may be taken as a fair type of a work of the first-class. Here we find the incident or plot of the story reduced to the simplest form possible; considered in itself and apart from the masterly portrayal of character which forms the real essence of the book, it would fail entirely to excite our interest. The every-day life of a country parson, his chats with his neighbours and consultations with his wife on the rearing of his children, constitute as commonplace and unexciting a subject as can be imagined. Yet with what a poetic beauty does the skilful pen of the novelist envelop the simple Vicar and his quiet

country life. The painting of the family portrait and the gathering of the cleric gooseberries become to us subjects of fascinating interest; while the evening notes of the good man's flute as he watches his children playing around him in the garden breathe a softer pleasure to us than the rattle of firearms that forms the pæon of the modern novelist. It is only when we compare these older works with those of the middle period that we feel that something is still wanting to perfection. We find that the action is too much subordinated; want of incident often renders the depiction cumbrous and uninteresting. The movement of the plot is too slow and too much interspersed with deviation and moralizing. Not until we reach the time of Dickens and Thackeray do we find this heaviness and excess of depiction relieved by a more liberal introduction of action, a more regular and culminating movement of plot and incident which produces the desired balance between the two elements in question.

In the works of the present age, however, we find that the reaction against the faults of the earlier novelists has driven us to the other extreme. Action and incident here reign supreme; character is entirely subordinate and its portrayal almost left out of consideration. The author contents himself with labelling his characters as belonging to a certain type by devoting a two-page description and analysis to each personage when first introduced, and when we as yet can have no possible interest in such analysis. After having described and introduced his characters, the author plunges into a series of occurrences as complex, grotesque and startling as possible. All attempts at pleasant deviation are carefully avoided; the writer attempts to throw no sidelights upon his characters. Nothing is done to make them interesting in themselves, for the novel is manifestly merely a skilfully planned chain of events, not a study in human character. It is a common remark in regard to Dickens' characters that we feel as if we knew them. It might be said of those in the books of our own day that we have been introduced to them but haven't spoken since.

There are, of course, many exceptions to this general class of fictitious literature. In an age so prolific as this there could not fail to be. Some writers attempt to make their characters real and human rather than puppets in a permutation. But their character-sketching is done, not as formerly, to hold up a mirror to our every-day life, but rather from a psychological and analytical standpoint. Such a work is the famous "Robert Ellesmere." The immense popularity with which this work and other recent novels of a similar design have been received shows that a reaction in public taste is already setting in, and that we are tending towards the earlier type again.

Only in two or three points has a decided advance been made in fiction. The author's *répertoire* of characters has been overhauled, and several personages formerly great favorites and considered as the first essential of a novel have been discarded. The hero and the heavy villain have been the most important victims; we have grown to recognize the fact that no man is utterly bad or utterly good, that there are infinite shades of complexity in our nature which forbid such a rough classification. The fendishness of a Bill Sykes is as unnatural as the sickly sinfulness of a Nicholas Nickleby. Strangely enough, though, the heroine keeps her place still. Though the author must feel that her universal excellence is totally impossible, he abates no jot or tittle of her virtues, except perchance to say as a sacrifice to the consciousness of her impossibility, that her mouth was a trifle too large. Until the heroine is dethroned and the depiction of character restored to its proper place, modern fiction can never attain to its past brilliancy.

S. B. LEACOCK.

The *Argosy* is a Bluenose contemporary, and a good one it is. The editorial, literary and news departments are well filled.

## THE SENATE.

At the Senate meetings last week notices of motion were given for submitting the matriculation examination paper to a committee before the examination; for a special committee to report on the subject of University extension, and for making the meetings of the Senate open to the public. In the future there will be but one honor list in B.A. examinations in Philosophy and Political Science. A status providing for a Fellow in Political Science and for the establishment of two scholarships in Physics were passed. The Building Committee are to arrange for the new Library building and discuss ways and means for the erection of a Convocation Hall and Lecture Room and other accommodation for the lady students.

## LIBRARY NOTES.

The shipments delivered during the past week amount to thirty cases, twenty-six of which came to us through the English committee. Two cases, containing the gift of the University of Cambridge, were on board the *Grecian* when she caught fire, but are in no way damaged.

Work is going on very rapidly in connection with the Reference Library and Reading Rooms, so that the prospects indicate a speedy re-opening of the Library, not in its old-time glory, but still with sufficient material for the average student to keep him more than busy.

During the past week additional shelving has been placed in position, so that there is now very little more room that can be used for shelving. The books have been rearranged, and until crowded out will occupy the spaces allotted to the different departments. The Library Staff has grown considerably since June. There are now four young lady assistants and a porter. Miss Julia Cowan is a matriculant of '89, and stood well up in honors in Moderns.

The greatest need of the University to-day is suitable quarters for the Library—that means a separate library building. We see that at a meeting of the Senate held last week that the matter came up. We hope to see it attended to with the utmost despatch. At the same meeting Mr. Walter Barwick, M.A., who has done so much as Secretary of the Library Restoration Committee to make that movement a success, was appointed a member of the Senate to succeed Mr. S. Wood, of London. We are glad to know of this appointment, for he will be able to render very valuable assistance in matters pertaining to the Library.

## CLASS OF '92.

The class of '92 spent Saturday evening in the Y.M.C.A. parlors. Nearly all the members of the class were present and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. During the early part of the evening a pleasing program was rendered, with the president, Mr. R. H. Knox, in the chair. The Glee Club of the year, consisting of Messrs. Wales, Parks, Evans, Cameron, Hume, Lamont and Tennant, sang several glees, of which the Class Song was the most heartily applauded. Miss Mackenzie, the Class Historian, read an interesting account of the college life of the past year. The Class Poem by Miss Green and an instrumental solo by Miss Hillock were well received. Recitations were given by Messrs. Cooper, Odell, Govenlock and Brown, and were exceedingly well rendered. The High Cock-a-lorum, Mr. Graham, brought down the house repeatedly. The remarks of the Prophet, Mr. McLennan, and the Critic, Mr. Tucker, showed the true spirit of prophecy and of criticism. After the program refreshments were served, and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in conversation.

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### NOMINATION MEETING.

The Literary Society held its second meeting for this year on Friday evening last, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall. The Society being for the time bereft of a president, Dr. Harley Smith appeared in the chair, where his genial presence brought back the times when the fire was not, and when the great election of '90 was as yet only a golden anticipation, and not a reminiscence of shattered vestments, divided victory and financial ruin. Dr. Smith's appearance was greeted with hearty applause, which he acknowledged in a short address.

After the reading of the minutes, the Society settled down to the serious occupation of the evening, that of making nominations. Some scattered Freshmen who had escaped the general sweep of last meeting, and some who had not, were ruthlessly coralled and nominated as members. This done, the appointments of leaders for the Mock Parliament to be held two meetings later came up. For leader of the Government Messrs. Godfrey, McKinnon, Cooper, Buckingham and Walker were nominated. The poll resulted in the election of Mr. McKinnon. Nominations for the position of leader of the Opposition were then called for, and were about to be proceeded with when a diversion was created, by Mr. G. H. Ferguson's motion, in accordance with which an incursion was made into order of business F.

The reason for this departure from the ordinary course

was soon made manifest. Mr. C. A. Stuart arose, and in a short speech nominated Mr. T. A. Gibson, B.A., for the office of president, left vacant by the resignation of Mr. Duff. Mr. Ferguson followed in support of the nomination, which was received with enthusiasm by all. Mr. Gibson, who was present, was declared elected by acclamation, and, as Dr. Smith's presence was required elsewhere, took the chair at once.

Resuming, the meeting proceeded to nominate Messrs. Godfrey, Cooper, Buckingham and Walker for the position of leader of the Opposition. The poll resulted in the election of Mr. Godfrey. The Society next, in accordance with the recommendation of the class of '94, nominated and appointed Mr. S. J. McLean as First Year Director to THE VARSITY. The members then turned their attention to the First Year Councillorship. Mr. McLay nominated Mr. Brown; Mr. McAllister nominated Mr. Vickers; Mr. McLean nominated Mr. Bigelow. Mr. McLennan nominated Daniel Webster, but later withdrew the nomination. This it was hinted by some, was due to collusion on the part of Mr. Webster with Mr. Reeves, who was afterwards nominated; but on this point no certain information has been obtained. Mr. McNicol nominated Mr. S. J. McLean; Mr. Lindsay nominated Mr. Lamb; Mr. Knox nominated Mr. O'Malley; Mr. Wales nominated Mr. Reeves; Mr. Strath nominated Mr. Griffiths; Mr. Shipley nominated Mr. Snell; Mr. Warren nominated Mr. Cronyn.

Finally the nominations were declared closed, the literary programme was announced, and a wearied society leaned back in its chair, proud with the consciousness of arduous duty nobly done.

The Glee Club, which had in the intervals of polling been working off its first bashfulness, came promptly to the front. Mr. W. S. Watson followed with a well-rendered reading, and the debate began. The subject was, "Resolved, That the ends of education can best be secured by specialization in University studies." Mr. Briggs led for the affirmative, and Mr. Rothwell for the negative. Messrs. Parks, Cooper, Tennant, Kirkpatrick and McKellar also spoke. Owing probably to the lateness of the hour and the exhausted state of the Society, the speeches, though good, were for the most part brief. The President summed up and put the question to a vote, which resulted in favor of the affirmative.

Mr. Cooper's resolution respecting the custom of rising upon the entrance of a lecturer then came before the meeting, and, after some scattered discussion, was put to the vote and lost, the general sentiment seeming to be that, since the custom was already in existence, the resolution was uncalled for, and the matter rather one to be decided practically by the several classes.

At this juncture some members manifested intentions of proceeding to nominate readers and speakers for the public debate to be held in November, but the precipitate withdrawal of the greater part of the Society frustrated the design. The matter was postponed, and the meeting was declared adjourned.

### THE RECEPTION.

The annual reception given by the Young Men's Christian Association in conjunction with the Ladies' Auxiliary was a very pleasant and successful affair. The spacious parlors of the Association Hall were thrown open and well, almost inconveniently, filled by the large number of students present. Among the visitors were Sir Daniel Wilson and Miss Wilson, Mrs. Edward Blake and Miss McGee, President and Treasurer respectively of the Ladies' Auxiliary; Prof. and Mrs. Baldwin, Prof. and Mrs. Alexander, Prof. and Mrs. Ashley, Prof. and Mrs. McCurdy, Prof. and Mrs. Loudon, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Fairclough, Mrs. Vandersmissen, Miss Salter, Mrs. and Miss Robb, Mrs. Christie, Mr. Keys, G. A. H. Fraser, B.A.; Rev. J. McP. Scott, B.A.; Dr. Gordon, and A. H. Young, B.A., late General Secretary of the Association.

Besides these there were some fifty or more of the lady undergraduates, whose presence added materially to the pleasure of the evening.

During the early part of the evening the reception committee were busily engaged in welcoming the visitors, but especially First Year men, and in introducing them to Sir Daniel Wilson, Honorary President of the Society, and Miss Wilson, who performed the duties of host and hostess.

The meeting came to order with the singing of the doxology and prayer by Rev. J. McP. Scott, after which President Stringer spoke a few words of welcome, and called upon Sir Daniel Wilson. Then went up a mighty cheer as our venerable President arose to address the gathering, a most fitting reception to the man we all honor and love. Sir Daniel was suffering from a severe cold, which somewhat interfered with his speaking, but notwithstanding he delivered an address of unusual vigor. He urged the men to be manly and the women to be womanly and pure as the only way to the attainment of true success. Those present should be happy to have been born at the close of this glorious nineteenth century, with the record of the past to help them in their future career. Canada needs the men and women of her colleges, and just as they are sterling, pure and noble-minded men and women so will she rise among the nations.

Hugh B. Fraser, the General Secretary, followed, explaining the reasons of holding the reception, which was not only to give an evening's entertainment but also to bring the men in college into closer and more active connection with the Association. The applause that greeted Hugh's oratorical efforts evinced his popularity and the esteem in which he is held by every man in college. When with outstretched hand he eloquently pointed to the "scenes that lie beyond yon golden gates," there was a roar of applause that entirely prevented him from completing a sentence that would undoubtedly have been a masterpiece. Then the "golden gates" were rolled up and refreshments served. The rest of the evening was spent in social intercourse. There was also lots of singing by those who did not feel inclined to spend the time in conversation. Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening.

#### AMONG THE MEDICALS.

Notwithstanding the efforts of the Faculty to frown upon the custom of "elevation," the ordinary number of those interesting and instructive events is not decreasing.

At a meeting of the Junior Class the other day a motion was passed recording their disapproval of the practice of some of the members of the Faculty giving "grinds" and charging extra fees therefor. The professors and lecturers are paid to give all the information necessary for the fullest grasp of any medical subject. What need is there then for the payment of any further money?

The first meeting of the Medical Society was held in the Biological Department on Friday, and was a very encouraging inception of what we hope will be a successful term of meetings. The chair was occupied by Dr. Aikens, the Dean of the Faculty, and with him was Dr. John Ferguson, President of the Society. Dr. Morrison was presented with a medal by the Dean for a splendid essay on a medical topic that he had written and read before the Society. Prof. Ramsay Wright gave some very interesting notes about "Medical Paris," and received hearty applause several times during the delivery of his speech. "Our Profession" was the subject of Dr. Ferguson's remarks. During the evening several musical selections were given.

MESSRS. HART & Co. will issue a volume of verse by Mrs. S. Frances Harrison-Seranus, author of "Crowded Out" and compiler of the "Canadian Birthday Book." Mrs. Harrison's efforts on behalf of her fellow *litterateurs*, and Canadian Literature generally, should entitle her book to an enthusiastic reception from all those interested in the growth of native literary productions.

#### SUBJECTS FOR DEBATE.

The following is the list of subjects selected for debate during Michaelmas Term:—

1. *Resolved*,—That sentiment has a greater influence in moulding the destiny of the race than reason.
2. *Resolved*,—That the executive government of the French Republic is based on a better system than that of the United States.
3. *Resolved*,—That the prevalent belief in the progress of the human race towards a better moral, intellectual and social condition is confirmed by the judgment of history.
4. *Resolved*,—That experiments upon living animals are justifiable in the interests of science.
5. *Resolved*,—That modern civilization is more indebted to the Greeks than to the Romans.
6. *Resolved*,—That the Confederate States were justified in seceding.

These subjects will be debated in the above order, and every debate will be an open one. Owing to the impossibility of canvassing the members individually, those who desire the privilege of reading original essays or selections before the Society are requested to hand their names to the Recording Secretary, Mr. I. O. Stringer.

By order of PROGRAMME COMMITTEE.

#### SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

At a meeting of the Athletic Association of the S.P.S., the Constitution was read and adopted. The election of curator and First Year representative resulted in Mr. V. G. F. Marani being chosen for the former office, and Mr. N. M. Lash for the latter.

The re-union meeting of the Engineering Society will be held Tuesday, 21. The principal features of the meeting will be the address by the president, and the relating of experiences by those who were fortunate enough to be employed on Engineering works during the summer months.

Great interest is being taken among the Engineers in the fitting up of the reading room and library of the Engineering Society on the first floor. The books of the library have been removed from the room in the old building to their new quarters, and the librarians are busily engaged in arranging them.

During a recent lecture in the School of Science the professor intimated that he would prefer something else than a wet sponge with which to clean off the blackboard. He suggested that someone would request "Graham" to attend to this matter, adding in an undertone "if that gentleman (meaning Mr. Graham) would condescend to do so."

The Senior years in the Engineering department have recently adopted a stringent "export duty on cogs," having suffered from the predatory visits of certain of the First Year. The question of retaliation is now being discussed, but it is thought that perhaps the offenders are not aware that the sanction of custom does not rest on the practise of appropriating property belonging to the Senior drafting rooms.

The unusually large Freshman class has helped to increase the number of students attending the School of Science this year. In all there are about fifty new men registered, being an increase of nearly fifty per cent. over last year. This is no doubt chiefly due to the two additional courses which have recently been instituted, viz.: "Mechanical and Electrical Engineering" and "Architecture."

Jones—(who sees Brown laughing on the sidewalk inordinately). What are you laughing at so hard, Brown?

Brown—(pointing to a dog that had managed to get its tail in its mouth). Can't help laughing with joy; glad to see somebody can make both ends meet.

### "HOW WE WENT TO SEE THE DUKE."

The ordeal was over at last; we had just finished our last exams., and, as usual after a great strain is removed, we were in an exalted state of "rebound." It was in one of these "fits of temporary insanity" that one of our number suggested "Let's go to see the Duke," and the proposition, as any other however wild would have been, was received with favor; *some* dissipation was certainly allowable under the circumstances. So it was agreed that we should go.

Now, I have always had a strong opinion with regard to the average intellect of those who will stand around in a "crush" for hours waiting for a glimpse of somebody, whether it be a duke or a criminal awaiting sentence. Only once before do I remember having given way to such weakness. Once, "on the other side of the line," I was present at a meeting of welcome in honor of General Logan, shortly before the election in which he was *not* made Vice-President. At the close of the meeting, the chairman announced that all who passed through a certain entrance might have the pleasure of shaking hands with the General. Though we, as Canadians, didn't feel that the handshake would be any particular inspiration to us, we thought it rather a pity to miss anything that was going, and accordingly passed out with the majority.

In the present instance I felt what a consciousness of superiority it would give me when I returned home to be able to tell the gaping rustics (this expression is merely figurative, and *not* meant to imply that I hail from Algoma or any other equally outlandish spot) that I had seen a *real live* Duke!

Influenced by such considerations we wended our way at the appointed time along the street through which the procession was to pass. It was already crowded with people who were evidently afraid they might miss something. We passed along with studied carelessness, trying to give the impression that business had brought us to that part of the city, but I suspect that the attempt was not a very successful one. We entered the Gardens, and took up our position to the south of the Pavilion amidst a motley crowd of men, who tried—as men always do on such occasions—to look as if they had merely strolled there in passing to see why such a crowd had collected; while the women, with their usual guilelessness, had arranged themselves in their best apparel, thus showing that they, at least, were there through no accident. The greater part of the crowd, however, was composed of urchins of all sorts and conditions, who had constantly to be reminded by the police—of which there was a full force—to keep back from the carriage way. I was greatly amused at the dismay of a group of school boys at finding themselves in the immediate neighborhood of their respected, but austere principal, and at their frantic efforts to find a spot a little more retired.

There were several gentlemen near us who seemed rather shocked by the flippant remarks with which we thought to "while away the lagging hours" (strictly speaking, that word should be in the singular, but truth must occasionally be sacrificed to poetic beauty!). They were striving to atone for their display of such feminine (?) weakness by keeping up a most learned conversation, of which we now and then caught a stray word. I think they would have been more lenient with us if they had

known that we had just disposed of the last of our ideas and had left them carefully enclosed in large envelopes to await further developments.

Every baker's cart that went rattling along the street—and it seemed to me that all the bakers in the city must have entered into agreement to pass that place at frequent intervals—was greeted with the exclamation, "There comes the Duke!" Then the crowd would suddenly subside as they saw the cause of their momentary illusion and a sad smile would pass over their faces at the thought of their "gullibility." So the time wore on, and when our patience was well nigh exhausted we were roused to a momentary excitement by the rumor—this time well founded—that the Duke was really here. He was preceded by a body guard, who attracted almost as much attention as the royal visitor himself. They reminded me of some of Scott's knights-errant, with their prancing horses and glittering helmets, and carried me in thought away back into the Middle Ages.

"While I was thus musing I cast my eyes" upon the carriage which followed and caught a passing glimpse of the occupants. In the open Victoria sat three people, a lady and gentleman in the back seat and in the seat facing them a gentleman. The crowd shouted, one of the gentlemen raised his hat and bowed, and the vision passed. I tried to convince myself that I had actually noticed in the Duke a striking resemblance to his royal mother, but considering the rate at which the carriage passed, and the bobbing heads of the crowd in front, I shouldn't care to be put on oath. As we slowly dropped from the attitude of tip-toed expectancy my companion said to me—in the accents of despair—"Which *was* the Duke anyway?" and we went away feeling more than ever before the truth of those words, "Verily, all is *vanity* and vexation of spirit." E.

### THREE VICTORIES—ONE DEFEAT.

On Saturday, Varsity's Association team were credited with their third win in the Toronto League series. This time the victims were the Marlboro's, who, although a new entry in the league, have already made their reputation as a first-class team. At all events the match between Varsity and the Marlboro's was a rattling good one in all respects, and for fastness was not far behind its predecessor with the Scots the week before.

Some of the players were late in turning up, and it was not till four o'clock that the ball was faced. The Varsity forwards got at once to work, and from the kick off were always dangerous, Anderson's services being frequently called into requisition. The Marlboro's forward line was also frequently on the aggressive, and during this half the play was by no means confined to one end of the field. A short time after Anderson's grand stop of a clear shot of McLay's, Varsity's right wing ran the ball up, and on a centre by Duncan, Buckingham kicked goal No. 1 for Varsity. About ten minutes after, on another centre by Duncan, "Watty" Thomson scored with a swift, hard shot. Then came the Marlboro's turn. Through a series of misunderstandings and flukes by the Varsity defence, Elliott was enabled to carry the ball to the mouth of the Varsity goal and to score an unearned point. Thus the first half closed with the game 2 to 1 in favor of Varsity. During this half the play was somewhat even, with the advantage, however, with Varsity. During the second half two more goals were scored by Varsity, the first by a nice shot of Duncan's, the second being headed in by "Watty" Thomson off Buckingham's corner-kick. Had it not been for the really magnificent goal-keeping of



Anderson the score would have been much larger, as the play was nearly all on the Marlboro' goal, though two or three runs by Elliott forced Porter to use his hands. During the latter part of the game the Varsity forwards completely outplayed the Marlboro' defence, run after run being made and corner-kicks numerous.

Throughout the game the Varsity forwards played with great dash. On the left, Doc. McLay and Casey Wood combined well, especially in the first half, when they had the monopoly of the play. "Watty," in centre, besides scoring twice, steadied up the wings wonderfully by his long passes out. Duncan and Buckingham also showed up well, more particularly in the second half, when the monopoly of the play was with them. The defence as a whole played well, and was generally able to stop the Marlboro' forwards before they became dangerous. Warbrick was especially conspicuous by his hard and persistent work, though all the rest checked and kicked well. Elliot played the star game on the Marlboro' forward line, but his work did not count for much, the other forwards, though fast, being very inaccurate in their passing and shooting. The defence worked hard, but was not fast enough for the Varsity forwards. Special mention should be made of Anderson's star game in goal. Such exhibitions of goal-keeping as he gave on Saturday are very rarely seen.

St. Michael's defaulted to Varsity last Wednesday, and Varsity now leads the league with a clean sheet of three wins and no losses. The championship of the city depends on the match next Saturday against Osgoode Hall, a win by either side giving it the championship and the privilege and honor of playing off with the Western District champions. If misfortune does not overtake us, the victory next Saturday should rest on Varsity's banner. It should not be forgotten, however, that persistent practice is the only way to assure success. We, hope, in our next issue, to chronicle another victory, and to salute our Association football club as Champions of Toronto.

#### THE SECOND TEAM ALSO WINS.

The Varsity second team met W. R. Brock & Co.'s team on St. Mary's Flats, Saturday afternoon, and easily defeated them by the score of four goals to one. The field was far too small for good playing, and the ball was continually out of bounds. The game was not characterized by any brilliant playing on either side, and combination and the grounds did not seem to work well together. For Varsity, Hammill, Hooper, Orton and Edwards (half back) gave the parting kicks. The defence did all that was necessary to win victory for their team, while the forwards were always too strong in their kicking, and lost many valuable chances by shooting too high. Fairbairn scored the only goal for the Brocks. The Varsity team was as follows:—Little, Graham, Macallum, Merrill, Edwards, Garvin, Orton, Fairchild, Hooper, Govenlock and Hammill.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

Fortune is already smiling upon our Rugby footballers, and although her smiles are not yet developed to their fullest extent, the goddess is propitious. Varsity stands in a fair way to winning both cups in the Ontario series. The victory of our second fifteen over the Toronto second, on Saturday, was rather a surprise; but have not our representatives time and again shown us that we often underestimate their ability? The result of the match with the First Torontos was disappointing, and shows that a lot more practice is still required. However, the defeat is not significant, as the team which will play in the ties will be much stronger than that of Saturday; and, with Mr. John MacLean's coaching, should play a much faster game.

At 3.30 the following team lined up opposite the first fifteen of the Torontos on the Bloor Street grounds: Back—Parker; Halves—McKay, Bunting, McLaughlin; Quarter—McClellan (Capt.); Wings—Lucas, Moss, Moran, Lash; Forwards—Pape, Symmes, Burson, Hutchins, Boyd, Malloch.

During the first half, Toronto had decidedly the best of it. Soon after kick-off, the ball was dribbled down the field and over the line where Parker was forced to the rouge. After the kick-off from twenty-five the ball was again taken over the Varsity goal line, and Toronto scored a try, which they failed to convert. Varsity then braced up and forced the oval up the field, and scored their first point by Garrett rousing. The game after this was all over the field, until McCarthy by a pretty kick scored a goal from the field for Toronto, making the score when time was called 10 to 1 in favor of Toronto. In the second half, Varsity played a better game. After a succession of scrimmages near the Toronto goal line Lucas scored a try which Pope failed to kick. The game was continued, and McKay made a good kick behind the Toronto line, Garrett rousing. Just before time was called Cameron scored a goal from the field for Toronto, making the score 16 to 6, and no further scoring was done by either side. Mr. Griffin acted as referee and Mr. John S. MacLean as field captain for Varsity.

While the above match was being played, the second fifteen of Varsity played and won their first tie match on the lawn, defeating the second Toronto's by a score of 20 to 13. The following team represented Varsity: Back—Crane; Halves—Bain, Gilmore, McLaren; Quarter—Smith; Wings—Roseborough, Moss; Forwards—Lash, Clayes, Cronyn, Vickers, Boulton, Cross, Laidlaw. The game was fast throughout. The Torontos rushed the ball over the Varsity line immediately after kick-off and scored a try, which was converted into a goal. After this Varsity woke up and quickly took the aggressive. Toronto roused twice and Varsity scored two goals, touched down by Bain and Moss, and kicked by Cronyn. When time was called the score stood 10 to 14 in favor of Varsity. In the next half Toronto forced Varsity to rouse three times, and Varsity scored another goal. Vickers and Clayes were conspicuous among the forwards, and did splendid service. Cronyn kicked all the goals, and played a good game throughout. Crane, Cross and Smith played well, while Gilmore's play at half was very effective. The score at the conclusion stood 20 to 13 in Varsity's favor. Mr. D. J. Armour acted as captain, and Mr. E. J. Rykert, '88, as referee.

#### SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

Invitations have been received for Association matches at Cobourg and Bradford.

The Rugby team play Queen's in Kingston next Saturday. The first team of the Association play Osgoode Hall on the lawn, and the Second team play the Stanleys.

THE St. Michael's College team failed to put in an appearance for their match with Varsity on Wednesday afternoon, and, consequently, the match went by default. The reason given was that several men had not turned up, and thus they were unable to get a team together. The players and a large crowd were disappointed at not seeing a match, but two teams were chosen and an even better practice game than a match with St. Michael's, was indulged in. The first team forwards managed to get past the first team defence several times. St. Michael's seems to be an unsatisfactory member of the league.

#### EXCHANGES.

The *Bowdoin Orient* is the best dressed visitor to our table. It has a most artistic frontispiece, and the letterpress is the finest we have seen.

The *Owl*, from the University of Ottawa, was among the first to reach our sanctum. The literary department is well filled, and the local and athletic news interesting.

Among the newsiest and brightest of our exchanges is the *Tuftonian*, representing Tuft's College. Its editorials are good, and it contains a genuine well of information to college men.



## FELLOW APPOINTED.

As we are closing up our forms we learn of the appointment of Mr. J. M. McEvoy to the new Fellowship in Political Science. He will begin his course of lectures immediately, and will devote his attention principally to Canadian Constitutional History.

## NOTICE.

All reports of meetings or events occurring up to Thursday evening must be in the hands of the Editor by Friday noon, or they will not be published.

## 'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Mr. D. W. McGee, '91, has been appointed Official Reporter of the Senate.

The first meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society takes place this afternoon.

The ladies of '91 propose to form a class organization, and held a meeting on the subject yesterday.

C. H. Mitchell, '92 has been appointed to THE VARSITY staff, Vice H. W. Brown, '92, resigned.

Mr. T. McCrae of '91, has been appointed Assistant Demonstrator in Histology, at the Biological Department.

Prof. Mills has begun his course of lectures on International Law. The introductory lecture was delivered on Thursday last.

The first meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association of the College will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall this afternoon at five o'clock.

At the annual rifle match of the Queen's Own on Saturday, the 11th inst., Lieut. Coleman, Color-Sergeant Crooks and Privates Clark and McLaren, of K Company, won prizes.

At a meeting of the Freshman Class last week, Mr. S. J. McLean was recommended as Director to THE VARSITY, and a committee was appointed to draft a constitution for a class organization.

The hand-book issued by the Y. M. C. A. has appeared. It is a most useful compendium of very necessary information. The map of the University grounds, with buildings situated thereupon, is one of the best features of the book.

The first meeting of the Modern Language Club will be held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall next Monday afternoon at four o'clock. The meeting will be an English one, and Matthew Arnold will be discussed. The meetings of the Club are open to all, and, though late in starting, they promise to be unusually interesting.

Hugh Fraser led the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. last Thursday. The subject for this week is "What is Religion." Mr. E. A. Henry will lead the meeting. Every man in College is invited.

The two newscholarships in Physics have been established out of a gift from the Local Committee for the Toronto meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The annual value will be \$100 and \$45 respectively.

The first practice of the Glee Club this season was held on Wednesday last in Y. M. C. A. Hall. Mr. Schuch was present and assigned places to some thirty-two new voices. This is a promising beginning, and it is hoped that the old members will turn out and uphold the club in all its enterprises. An invitation to Leslieville Presbyterian Church was received and accepted for the 17th prox. Practice to-morrow at four o'clock. See notice.

The new uniforms and accoutrements, with which the Government has supplied K Company, should have the effect of arousing in the breasts of many peaceful civilians a longing for military glory in the ranks of our noble squad. The recruit class should swell as it has never swollen before, instead of comprising merely ten or a dozen festive freshmen as at present.

The Political Science students of Class of '92 met in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, on Tuesday last, and cogitated over a scheme for an association for discussion of their particular subjects. A committee, consisting of Messrs. Wales, Cooper and Graham, was appointed to prepare a constitution. The first meeting will be held on Friday, 24th inst., when a debate will be held on the subject "Justifiability of Usury." Pro., Burnett and Graham; con., Cooper and Lafferty. Prof. Ashley will preside.

Friday has been chosen for the date of the annual games. The following is the programme of events:—Morning—1, putting the shot; 2, running broad jump; 3, place kick (Association); 4, drop kick (Rugby); 5, standing broad jump; 6, tug-of-war (trial tugs). Afternoon at 2.30—1, 220-yard run; 2, fatigue race; 3, mile run; 4, 100-yard dash; 5, tug-of-war (final); 6, high jump; 7, 440-yards run; 8, half-mile run; 9, hurdle race, 120 yards; 10, graduates' race, 220 yards; 11, team race, quarter mile; 12, heavy marching order, half mile, open to members of "K" Company; 13, 440-yard race (open). Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are open to undergraduates of Trinity, McMaster, McGill, Queen's and Victoria Universities, and the cadets of the Royal Military College.

CLASS SOCIETY OF '93.—The class of '93 held its annual meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Hall on Friday last, with

President Strath in the chair. If large attendance and lively interest in the affairs of the year are any indication of coming prosperity, the '93 will assuredly prosper. After the introductory remarks the constitution was amended so that the officers of the class now number fourteen, nine of which compose the executive. A motion was also passed approving of the editorial which appeared in the last issue of THE VARSITY advocating caps and gowns. The literary programme consisted of a charming instrumental duet by the Misses Watson and Houston, a characteristic song from Mr. McPherson, and the report of Miss T. M. Wilson, the class historian. Miss Wilson's report was written in a singularly felicitous style and well deserved the hearty reception given it by the class. The elections for the ensuing year were then entered upon, but owing to the lateness of the hour none were completed, except the one for President, which resulted in the return of F. B. R. Hellem.

## REQUIESDOG IN PACE.

Der flowers in der audumn fade,  
Der grass goes in der decline;  
Und joost like udder priddy dings  
Dot leedle tog of mine.

Vot did he died of? I duunno;  
Der dogders disagreed;  
Bud von tam scoundrel say he tod  
Vhas somedings in der breed.

Vell, I dond mind him joost der same  
'Und didn say a vord;  
For vhen a feller lose he's tog,  
A leedle more dond hurd.

He used to vrolig boud der blace,  
Der priddy leedle knave;  
Bud now he's leedle park is still,  
Und mouldering in der grave.

I toog he's collar mit der tag,  
Und hang dem on der nail;  
Bud never shall I see some more  
Dot sweed curl in he's tail.

Dose leedle legs dot run so gwick  
Vill never run some more  
To meed me vhen I'm coming near  
My leedle coddage door.

Und somedimes vhen I lie avake,  
Mit purglars in der cellar,  
I'll wish, mit head benead der glose,  
I had dot leedle feller.

Dot dog is gone; und vhen mit grie  
My prest inside vhas dore,  
I toogs a glass of peer und sighs:  
"Not lost, bud gone before!"

Cumso: "Jaysmith is penurior  
isn't he?" Fangle: "I should say  
he was! He won't even laugh at  
joke unless it is at someone else's  
expense."