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"UTTERED NOT, YET COMPREHENDED."

There sobs an unwritten poem
Along the chords of my heart ;
It wails for worthy utterance,
As a being known only in part.

And ever my locked lips strive,
And dream-words alight and quiver ;
But the poem written there,
Must there remain for ever.

Or if vanished, the music of it
Will have so attuned my soul,
As hereafter to slowly mould
My life to a strong, sweet whole.

XOUTHE.

CAUGHT NAPPING.

The tranquility of an August night that hung over the lakeshore road leading out of Summerside, one of the pretty villages skirting the shore of Lake Huron, was broken by the "merriment and jests" of a crowd of a dozen young men. They were slowly making their way along up the hill that rose from the placid village river. Summerside was a summer resort, popularized by the beauty of a little river and of the scenery along its sloping banks as it wound slowly through the village, reluctant to finish its course and give up the accumulations of miles to the grasping lake. Here came people from far and near to spend the summer. Those who did not board at the hotels set up camps. Some were cottages and some tents, but all were placed on the verge of a bank that rose abruptly some fifty feet high about one hundred yards back from the beach. They were easy of access from the lake shore road that ran along parallel to the row of settlements.

A party of four, including myself—and, bear in mind, my name is Will Baker—had decided that we needed to rusticate, had picked upon Summerside, and, for various important reasons, had placed our "rusting" habitation, consisting of two tents, at an isolated, sequestered spot so as to form an outpost of the camp-town, a suburb of the village proper. Here we considered ourselves free from molestation and at liberty to make all the noise we pleased without frightening any of the other inhabitants, with whom we wished to be on good terms so as to get invitations to their taffy pulls, card and sailing parties. Yes, a man, even at camp, must, in some measure, affect good behavior.

Now let us back to that dozen young men who were left making noise on the road. I shall connect them with the preceding by saying they were on the way to our camp. It was half-past twelve and most respectable people were in bed. These lads, of the age when they were old enough to be free from their mothers' apron strings, and young enough to feel life's responsibilities lightly, did not think or even dream of going to bed for some time yet. As I said before they were merry. But "merry" is too mild a word for use here. You would expect any crowd of boys walking home

at midnight from a dance, after acting as escorts to the ladies, to be merry. These fellows were jolly and almost hilarious. Their slow movements and lively thoughts can be attributed to the same cause, which would not have been difficult to discern had the night not been too dark to discover details of the scene. In the midst of the straggling party was a bicycle held and pushed by two of the boys. The efforts they made to keep it from falling over showed that they were teaching a novice the mysteries of the art of bicycle riding. Was it a lady afraid to learn in broad daylight? Although the boys seemed to be vigorously inspired by the occupant of the saddle, it was not a lady—it was a keg of beer. It was heavy and the speedily devised means of transport proved to be slow.

I don't wish to boast of my temperance propensities when I say I was not a member of the party. I had been to the dance, but not knowing till after the affair was over about the revelry planned by my fellow-citizens and visitors, I had unfortunately, or fortunately, made a date with a young lady to go out for a row the next morning at seven o'clock, just, as I had said, as an appetizer. Small likelihood was there of my keeping that engagement should I go home that night. So I decided not to go, but rather to ask myself out and secure a bunk at Klondyke, a cottage occupied by another crowd of fellows. Success attended my efforts, and as all the Klondyke boys, except one camera fiend, Archie Allen, had yielded to their pangs of thirst, and were now helping to guide that bicycle rider up the road, I exchanged bunks with one of them, who foreboded, probably, that he would not be able to come home anyway.

Anticipating the pleasure of the row of the next morning, and wondering whether the lake would be calm enough to allow a timid oarsmen like myself to venture upon the open sea, I dropped off to sleep at peace with the world and myself. The boys up at our camp were taking no thoughts of the morrow, but I was. That's why I was in Klondyke.

* * * * *

My peaceful slumbers were broken. About three o'clock I was awakened by an approaching noise. In my process of awakening the first interpretation I gave to the noise was that a storm was brewing on the lake. My row on the lake was to be spoiled! That idea was slowly dispelled, as the character of the storm changed. The rumbling I soon concluded to be the shouting and mimic singing of a dozen of made-jolly-by-beer campers. As they came nearer, and although it was "not safe for heavy loads," thundered safely across the bridge, I became more awake. When they reached the house and began battering the board walls and locked door, I was nearly alive to the situation.

Of course they demanded an entrance. But Archie Allan was still developing and stubbornly refused to admit a lantern or a gang of ruffians, each of which would have been equally injurious to his plates. But the besiegers extracted from him a promise that the gates would be opened to them as soon as the process of development, (he was at his last plate) had been finished. A guard was left at the door, and the rest of the party went out to a little open space about twenty yards from the end

of the house, danced war dances and sang the old University song book, including God Save the Queen, from end to end.

Oh, they were jolly, but I wasn't. At three o'clock in the morning, the only sound that can waken and at the same time please me, is the ringing of a fire alarm. Never a word did they say about any reason they had for wanting to get in, but I could not help coming to the conclusion that their visit boded no good for me. Some joke was surely in the air.

"What in the deuce do they want, Archie? Are they after me because I didn't join them to-night?" I asked my companion, now hurrying about the house putting away his plates and apparatus.

He stopped. "Gad, that must be what they are after. Get up, or they'll pull you out of bed anyway."

Not a second did I lose, but quickly arrayed myself in fighting attire—no more, for I hadn't time. Of course I was going to fight. Archie swore he would, too. The noise they made would drive any man to a pugnacious desperation. I thought at the time that it would drown the reports of a hundred Boer guns. So Archie and I mustered up the courage of besieged Ladysmithians.

Archie opened the door and I, ready to resist an onslaught, appeared at the entrance, which was darkened by the verandah. But only the one figure was in sight—the solitary guard. The rest were in hearing.

The guard did not fight, he spoke. "Boxer Baker is sleeping in here, isn't he?" I recognized the voice as that of Bert Broadfoot. His eyes were bleary, his brain was muddled, so he did not recognize me. I was supposed to be in bed sleeping. Egad! who could have slept through that noise?

Astounded I only said "Yes."

"Well, say, we're going to give him a "dip." "Are you all through?" "Yes," came the answer from the lips of his intended victim.

"We can come in now?" "Yes."

"Well, I'll get the other boys." With this he tiptoed (lest he might wake me) down to the other adventurers, to bid them come silently and steadily to the execution. I walked out the door and without any remarks slipped around the other end of the house, ran as I never ran some distance down the lane they had come up and perched myself down behind an evergreen on the edge of the bank to wait for my pursuers to give me my "dip," to satiate their vengeance upon a temperance crank, as they doubtless chose to call me, and then to return home. The view seemed to be gloomy. Doubtless I had a beautiful view of the lake and starry sky before me, but I never saw it. I was congratulating myself at my escape from "seeing stars." 'Twas chilly, so I just huddled myself together into a frightened little heap, tried to warm my bare feet by a friction process, waited and listened.

Really I did not realize that I had duped them till I saw their sheepish faces by the light of their own lantern as they went sullenly home like a crowd of Boer prisoners. Then I jumped up and went back to Klondyke, laughing to myself.

We had to make all the beds over again. They had ransacked them through and through in the search for my sleeping carcass, that at three o'clock in the morning they realized so keenly needed a bath. Archie Allan had been threatened with all sorts of torture if he didn't tell where I was, but he didn't know.

The rest of the night was quiet in Klondyke.

Next morning at 6.30 I went up to our camp and

pulled every mother's son of them out of bed. I learned later that some one had put thistles in my bed the day before. Revenge was plenteous.

Since then I've been a prohibitionist, and in my mind *periculum fortitudine evasit* has appreciated.

ERNEST H. COOPER (Gerry).

THE EVILS OF A STATE UNIVERSITY.

The University of Toronto to all intents and purposes is a State University, that is to say, as at present constituted, it is legally subordinated to the supreme control of the Province of Ontario. This is a fact that admits of no contradiction, inasmuch as it is clearly affirmed by an Act of the Provincial Government. The University, then is a State institution. Why? Because, in the first place, it depends exclusively and finally on a Provincial statute for its constitution; the senate, the council, the corporation and the president are, by the above Act—which anyone may read in the Statutes—each assigned their respective powers and duties, and the powers thus assigned and distributed are plenary only so far as they are within the limits of the Constitutional Act of the University; the powers of the senate, of the council and of all constituent bodies in connection with the University are derived, and therefore un-sovereign.

A second reason for calling the University a State institution is found in the fact that the University of Toronto is financially, as well as constitutionally, a government institution. This statement is essentially true, because, through a second Act of the Provincial Parliament, the Province of Ontario now exercises entire supervisory control, not only of the finances of the University but of the relations and dealings of the subordinate University authorities with third parties.

Assuming then, that the University of Toronto is ultimately controlled by the State, what are some of the evils growing out of that relation? Now, in asking that question, I do not desire to give the impression that I am entirely opposed to State control of education or to a national education scheme. But circumstances do undoubtedly change opinions. A State-owned University, if efficiently administered and managed, is desirable; but the moment the Government attempts to shirk the responsibilities attaching to its position as supreme regulator of the keystone of our educational system, then a change is rendered necessary.

There are two evils which appear to be more prominent than others.

The first one is this: the staff of the University tend to become civil servants of the Provincial Government. The section of the Provincial Act relating to this subject is as follows: "The president, professors, lecturers, teachers, officers and servants of the University shall be appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor, after such examination, inquiry and report as he considers necessary, and shall hold office during his pleasure." The Provincial Government then possess the right of appointment and of dismissal, and as a result, the members of the staff of the University of Toronto are as much civil servants of the Government as are the clerks who work at their desks in the Parliament Buildings.

A "civil-servant" staff in a University is all right so long as merit enters into its appointment or dismissal, but the undoubted tendency of a State-owned institution like our University is for it to degenerate into a place for the distribution of political patronage.

Now, in making the above assertions, I do not wish to be misunderstood. I do not wish at all to refer to the

inefficiency or efficiency, to the adequacy or inadequacy of the present staff of the University, or to reflect on it in any way, but merely to state a fact that inevitably arises out of the present relation of the University and the Government.

A second evil which has resulted from the connection of the University with the province is the present deplorable financial position of the University. The income of the University is wisely expended, but it is entirely inadequate to meet its growing needs. In spite of all that has been said by the jealous, and all that has been done by the friendly, it is obvious that the University is poverty stricken and hampered in its usefulness by the crippling absence of money. As a consequence of this condition of affairs, the management have to face an awkward dilemma. If they appeal to the Provincial Government, it is soon made plain that the institution is not supported by the Government. If they appeal to individuals, they are met with the answer that it is supported by the Government. Private purses are shut through the prevailing idea that the bag of the province is open, and as a result the University has derived comparatively little advantage from private benefaction.

Now I do not mean to say that the connection between the University and the Government should be severed, in order that the citizens of the province may become disposed to exercise their liberality on the University, but rather, that if the connection is to be maintained, the Government should be compelled to maintain the institution at a proper standard of efficiency. If the University is a Government institution, then the Government is in duty bound to support it as liberally as it supports all other Government institutions. Many needs have arisen as a result of the present dearth of finances; the salaries of the professors and lecturers are inadequate and meagre, and there is among the students a great need of a residence—a college residence which will accommodate a majority of the undergraduates. There is no reason why the Government could not devote a small portion of its immense surplus to the building, not only of a residence for gentlemen undergraduates, but also a distinct residence for lady undergraduates. These matters should not be left to private subscriptions, as they are duties relative to the rights the Government enjoy in relation to the University. A college residence, to anyone thoroughly conversant with present undergraduate politics, is an absolute necessity, for without it that sectionalism and tendency to division so evident in University College will destroy the last vestiges of an already decadent esprit de corps.

H. M. SINCLAIR.

LACROSSE

The game of Lacrosse is unfortunately played at Toronto University at a time when the students are either in the throes of examination or have but left the college halls for their own homes.

The majority of the match playing comes off during the tour, so that in many respects this game's relation to Toronto University athletics could be judged almost as well by a New Yorker as by a Torontonian.

A history of the club might be interesting to VARSITY readers.

In 1889-'90 and '91 the game was just in its infancy around Varsity and was indulged in only by the residence men by way of pastime. Two teams of theirs, one of which went by the name of the "Beauts," used to try conclusions on the lawn, but tradition does not hand down to us the records of those bloody battles.

In 1891, however, a good team was chosen and a game played with the Athletics of Toronto, who were then Intermediate Champions, resulting in a draw 6-6.

In the following spring Charlie Cross through a friend at Cornell arranged for a game between Toronto and Cornell Universities, Varsity winning easily by a score of 11-3. On the way back the boys stayed over at Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo "to see the sights." This pioneer team was composed as follows:—*Goal*, W. Jones; *Point*, W. Gilmore, C. P. P. White; *1st. def.*, Lou. Campbell; *2nd. def.*, P. Knowles; *3rd. def.*, Lynd; *centre*, Ken Peaker; *3rd. home*, Ed. Peaker; *2nd. home*, "Billie" Keith; *1st. home*, Dav. Heggie; *outside*, Ernie Burns; *inside*, Charlie Cross.

In the fall of 1892 the University of Toronto Lacrosse Club was formally organized, with Charlie Cross as captain and Ernie Burns as manager. Ernie immediately communicated with more than a dozen universities and colleges, with a view to arranging a more extended tour for the spring of '93. Three universities took up the scheme, viz.: Cornell University, of Ithaca; Lehigh University, of South Bethlehem, and Stevens Institute, of Hoboken. The team this year was the same as in '92, with the exception of Charlie Moss, Jack Gilmore and Sam Westman in the places of Ed. Peaker, Ken. Peaker and Dav. Heggie. Cornell proved easy victims to the prowess of the Varsity stick handlers. Score, 7-4. From Ithaca the boys journeyed to South Bethlehem, where they were to cross sticks with the Lehigh University team.

It might be well to mention here that the Americans go through a much more thorough course of training for any of their athletic sports than do we Canadians. A student who wishes to make a place on a first team must give up smoking and drinking—if he indulges—and is even expected to retire at an early hour.

To resume, when the boys had arrived at their destination, the Lehigh boys called upon them at their hotel and were quite surprised to find most of them enjoying an after dinner smoke, and were simply amazed when somebody suggested a drink. This apparent disregard for training, coupled with the fact that Lehigh had a few days before defeated Cornell by a much larger score than had Varsity, led Lehigh to think that they had a sure thing, and accordingly they wished to bet money on the game. The Varsity boys "put up" some, but the Lehigh students wanted more, and so persistent were they that the Toronto players soon had up all their money, together with \$100 of their guarantee money.

The ball was faced about four o'clock in the afternoon. Lehigh, who were in the very pink of condition, started off with a rush and kept up so fast a pace during the first half that the Toronto boys began to see visions of themselves walking home with empty pockets. At the end of the half the score was 3—2 Toronto's ahead, but feeling very blue. Charlie now took Varsity aside for a short talk on "how to play the game," and when they returned to the field there was seen that look in their eyes which argued evil for the Lehigh braves. With the blow of the whistle Varsity started in with grim determination to do or die, and so inspired were they by Charlie's chalk talk that they soon had the game all in their own hands and won out by the score of 11—6.

The next day the boys, feeling like millionaires, left for New York to spend their ill-gotten gains. But it would fill a book to relate their experience while in America's metropolis. Suffice to say that at the end of four days they were again bankrupt, having nothing left but their return tickets.

In 1894 Charlie Cross was again appointed captain and Ernie Burns manager. But as the regular tour could not be arranged, a tour was taken through some leading lacrosse towns in Ontario. The strongest team with whom Varsity had to compete on this tour was Port Hope, which included among its players several who had formerly

belonged to the well-known Cornwall team. Varsity, whose personnel was the same as in '93, however, after a most stubbornly fought battle, were able to pull out a well-earned victory, 5-4.

In 1895 Charlie Cross was elected president, Ernie Burns, captain, and Billie McKinnon, manager. The team was composed as follows: Billie Jones, P. Knowles, P. White, Charlie Moss, Stoney Jackson, Wm. Hendry, C. Lynd, W. Keith, Fred. Cleland, Sam Westman, Ernie Burns, Charlie Cross. Teddy McAllister, then in attendance at the School of Science, accompanied the team. Games were played with Cornell, Lehigh and the Brooklyn Crescent lacrosse team, in all of which Varsity was successful. While in New York the boys were the guests of the Crescent Club, who gave them an excellent time.

In 1896 Courtney Kingston was made captain and W. McKeown manager. Team: Claude Bryan, Courtney Kingston, Stoney Jackson, Charlie Moss, W. Hendry, W. McKinnon, Grant Cooper, Art. Snell, Fred. Cleland, Sam Westman, Charlie Cross, Fred. Cleland. Lehigh, Stevens Institute, Brooklyn Crescents and Harvard were played, in all of which matches Varsity carried off the laurels.

In 1897 W. A. McKinnon was elected to fill the position of both captain and manager, and on the 28th of May started out with the following team in hand: Reg. Wilson, Ken. Peaker, Frank Lloyd, H. D. Graham, Cleve Hall, Stoney Jackson, Grant Cooper, Vance Bilton, W. A. McKinnon, Art. Snell, Charlie Cross and Harvey German. Only two teams were played on this tour, viz.: Lehigh and the Brooklyn Crescents. Varsity defeating Lehigh, 11-5. Two games, however, were played with the Crescents, Varsity winning the first, 5-4; 2nd game, draw, 4-4.

In 1898, Fred. Cleland was captain and Billie Ross manager. Team was composed of W. Hanley, Courtney Kingston, Tom Morrow, Harry Wales, H. D. Graham, Ford Sutton, Bud Bogart, Vance Bilton, Art. Snell, Fred. Cleland, Ernie Burns, Charlie Cross. First game was played with Hobart College, Varsity winning easily. Second with Lehigh, 15-3. But this year Varsity received at the hands of the Crescent Club the first defeat in its record while on a tour, score 4-3.

H. D. GRAHAM, '00.

[An account of the 1899 tour will appear in a subsequent issue.—ED. VARSITY.]

NOTES.

"VARSITY expects every man to do his duty," said the Editor to the writer, who forthwith set himself down to compose something worthy of publication. Realizing that his acquaintance with the works of dead men was too slight to warrant an attempt to "write them up" the would-be composer decided to write up the sayings and doings of some of the live men around Varsity, being under the impression that much that is said and done in University life admits of comment and perchance criticism; so long as the former is not too copious nor the latter too caustic, for "brevity is the soul of wit," especially in the Easter term, and reverence becometh a junior when he speaks of seniors (who are supposed to be the live men around Varsity) lest he "bring down their gray hairs with sorrow to the grave."

Much regret is felt that no freshman has seen his way clear to enter the oratorical contest. If it is not too late an attempt might yet be made to secure one of these gentlemen to orate upon "Woman and her sphere." Having just come from home with the words, "what is home without a mother" ringing in his ears, he should be a fit and proper person to eloquently descant upon "What is a library without a woman."

Writing of an oratorical contest, we are led to ask, Why, when we have inter-year football and inter-year debates, we should not also have inter-year oratory? Speaking just for the third year, we venture to say that several gentlemen, whose modesty prevents them from orating on their own behalf, would gladly have mounted the rostrum for the honor of "naughty one." The soldier who fights in a battle for his country is more to be admired than the citizen who fights in a duel for himself. Nothing that is here said ought to be considered as reflecting upon those who have entered the present contest, for we believe they have all entered in order that the contest might not go by default, but might be as successful as other Varsity functions. Perhaps they will excuse us if we say that he deserves the first prize who works in a quotation from Robbie Burns, and he the last who rises to speak of "Britain's place among the nations," and sits down without putting in a word for old Ireland.

We believe that the present "pseudonym" of the University "Lit." is "Literary and Scientific Society." The word "pseudonym" is used advisedly, for one might attend the meetings of the "Lit." for a long time and never hear a *literary* discussion upon a subject that would properly come in the category of Science, or a *scientific* discussion of a subject that would properly come in the category of Literature. If any undergraduate thinks that our society approaches at all near the ideal of what such a society should be we recommend him to converse sometime with some of our graduates who have visited similar (?) societies in the Universities on the continent. He may possibly change his opinion when he hears of students delivering brilliant orations concerning what has possibly been the result of original research in Literature or Science. Has our "Literary and Scientific" Society ever encouraged such orations—to say nothing of affording material aid? May the time soon come when there shall be a Society at Varsity devoted wholly to the discussion of literary and scientific subjects. When that time comes there will then be a place for another organization—call it what you like—devoted wholly to the interests of college life and college spirit, and discussing vigorously all questions appertaining to the same—for example—When the Provincial Government seems to be so anxious to feel the pulse of the people before contributing more liberally to the support of Toronto University, why should it not be given the chance through such a society of feeling also the pulse of the undergraduates, knowing as it would that soon those very undergraduates would be influential men in many constituencies? But this is not the only question, there are many others in which undergraduates have a real interest but which are never discussed. Why should not such a new organization take the form of a Students' Parliament, for which members might be elected by the various years of the affiliated colleges of Toronto University? Such a Parliament would also make a place for a real party election—for it could be followed by the presence in the Parliament of a strong executive, responsible to that Parliament for its views on questions pertaining to the interest of the undergraduate body, and for its maintenance of a healthy college life and college spirit. Then perhaps we would hear in the near future that some "forward" policy adopted by the Minister of Education for Ontario was first the policy of such and such a University party. But of this more anon.

Here endeth the second instalment of "Notes." It is a little early for spring medicine, but as this bottle is rather small, it is possible that it will not impair digestion, especially as it has been safely corked against all the microbes of amateur "Kiplingism."

ALEX. I. FISHER, '01.

School of Practical Science

Places for nervous persons
Are scattered all over the map,
But the place for the 'nervy' person,
Is under the College tap.

—(McGill) Outlook.

The tap is running again in good style. Five of the freshest of the freshies were tapped on Saturday morning.

HOCKEY.

The annual hockey meeting was held on Monday evening and the School are now out for the Jennings cup. There is some new blood in the 1st year, which is reported to be fast, and along with the players from last year the School should have no difficulty in winning the cup. The following are the officers for this season: Hon. pres., Prof. Ellis; pres., J. A. Johnson; sec.-treas., W. R. McDonald; manager, F. C. Jackson; capt., J. Isbester; 1st year course, F. R. Miller; 2nd year course, A. L. McLennan; 3rd year course, R. McArthur.

We understand that Mayor Macdonald has registered a kick about the School using so much water. Would it not be better to have a tub for the tapping process?

The College Girl

The present state of the weather, the running brooks where one would naturally expect a stonily frozen path, emphasize the ominous nearness of Spring, which seems indeed to have borrowed the seven-league boots of fairy-tale fame. Hearty sympathy is extended to all those who, as well as their ordinary year-work, beyond the power of any mortal to master in the allotted time, have also a thesis still unwritten at this late hour. When one is a Freshette distance lends enchantment and a thesis is regarded from afar as something mysterious and wonderful with an atmosphere of honor floating around it, but when our own fourth year comes we find it is the burden of an honor unto which we were not born. However, this year such a choice of treatments is given that every student should be able to show himself at his best. One autocrat demands originality and veracity combined, (a paradox in this age) together with literary style, another merely asks for originality and no account to be taken of literary style, while still a third says—the greatest of all is humility.

The most inveterate workers will find it hard to resist the attraction provided for the evening of February the 3rd, when the Women's Literary Society entertain the Faculty and their friends at their Annual Reception. The Reception will be followed by a concert and a short dance.

Everyone is obviously on his best behavior just now, and one is forcibly reminded of the little boy who said "just 'fore Christmas I'm as good as I can be." The suspense will be over by the end of this week, however, when the rewards for good behavior will have been distributed.

Mrs. Fraser entertained the committee of the Women's Literary Society at lunch on Friday last, when a most enjoyable time was spent by all.

The women students take this opportunity of thanking Professor Baker very heartily for his opportune gift of books to the Grace Hall Memorial Library. Last year

the graduating class were asked to give each a contribution of books to the library, as they could best tell what books would be of the most use, and it is hoped that the graduating class of 1900 will make last year's gift a precedent.

If the first lecture of the series of lectures given under the auspices of the Women's Residence Association is a truthful harbinger of the success of the following lectures, the Association will be well satisfied with the result. It is hoped that very soon those interested in the Women's Residence will be able to meet the government to consider plans which, it is thought, will bring the projects for a building in the near future to a speedier realization.

A NATIONAL UNIVERSITY.

A few weeks ago I heard a prominent undergraduate make use of this term in referring to the University of Toronto. The phrase stuck to my memory, and I have often wondered since whether this gentleman's conception of a National University is the same as mine. I understand by a National University an institution which is an integral part of the national life, one which teaches its students to put their country's welfare before party or individual advantage, and considers as the chief end of its work the material, intellectual, and moral advancement of the masses of the Canadian people—a phrase where patriotism is inculcated, not so much by precept as by example, and where the old story of British freedom and sacrifice of private to public welfare is taught to each generation of students. Is Toronto University doing the work in this direction, which, as Canada's leading educational centre, it ought to do? Is the comparative indifference shown by the masses and Government of this country towards the University a consequence of the University's lack of interest in the problems which the Canadian people are facing to-day?

The present premier of Ontario wrote a poem some years ago commencing with the words "Canada wants men." Where is Canada going to get men if not from her own universities? And if another university gives Canada more patriotic and better citizens than the University of Toronto does, the popular decision as to the best university of the two will not be influenced very much by the fact that we read more Greek and Latin texts than any other university in the Dominion. The famous Dr. Jowett, of Balliol College, Oxford, who took particular pains to teach the students the ancient classic patriotism as well as the beauties of classical literature, numbered among his hearers Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, the present leader of the British House of Commons, Sir Alfred Milner, now High Commissioner in South Africa, and Lord George Curzon, now Viceroy of the Indian Empire, besides many others who hold responsible positions in the public service. Oxford under Dr. Jowett was then, in my estimation, a truly national university. When, after Jena, the German people were trodden under foot by the conquering legions of Napoleon, the patriotic sentiment was still kept alive in the Universities of Germany, and when the time came to strike for German freedom the students were foremost in the fray. These were national universities. The low tone of political life which obtains in the United States is attributed by keen observers to the fact that the more highly educated and wealthier classes are neglecting their public duties for private pleasures. Few, I think, will dispute that this is also the case, though to a less degree, in Canada. Is it impossible for the University to teach the students that there is no grander motto than "Ich dien." (

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TORONTO, January 24th, 1900.

EDITORIAL.

We are pleased to see that the undergraduates are giving practical support to their college paper. THE VARSITY is meant primarily for the expression of undergraduate thought. It is possible to make THE VARSITY a mere critic of literary and scientific subjects, but we believe that there is neither a want for such nor is such the sphere of our journal. There is room and necessity for a journal which by fair criticism and comment on University life will better that life and will so arouse the interest of the undergraduates in that life, that when they leave behind forever their Alma Mater, they will never forget her or her wants. If as undergraduates, students do not think on University questions, how are they going to do so when they become graduates? Much is heard of lack of interest by the graduate body. Let the undergraduate body depart with an interest so aroused that the years of active life will not efface it.

It is gratifying to see the favorable position which Mr. Langton takes with regard to evening reading in the library. While admitting that the drawback to the system in '93 was "the abandonment of the present practice of letting books out for the evening," and that taking out books for the evening is better than evening reading in the library—we do not agree with him that the decision lies between these two as absolute alternatives. The change would involve the non-circulation only if it were made to do so as in '93. There seems to be little reason why the proposed plan might not include among its new advantages those at present offered by the old.

In view of the fact that the building of a suitable college residence seems not likely to be soon accomplished, we regret that the dining-hall scheme has been laid aside without coming to some definite decision. With the old residence turned into a dining-hall, the Dean's house fitted up as sitting and conversation rooms (as was proposed), and the library open in the evening, University College would possess almost all that a residence offers with the exception of dormitories, and these would doubtless soon follow.

Now that the most important social function of University College is but two weeks distant, we cannot refrain from urging a more hearty student support than has characterized the past. Students should be loyal to their institutions, and especially to the Literary Society. Certain students will not support a function because there is some thing about it they do not like, let these make an effort, at least, to have it suit their ideas—that is their privilege—if they fail, the majority still rules. Let no one, however, take the position that those who do not evince interest are more important than those who do.

The Editor invites discussion of undergraduate affairs in the columns of THE VARSITY. All communications must be signed. It is advisable that contributors refrain, as far as possible, from the use of pen-names.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY.

SIR,—In your issue of January 17th you make another suggestion with regard to the Library, viz., that it be opened to readers in the evening. Six years ago the experiment of keeping the Library open in the evening was tried for a year, as you mention, but afterwards, to meet the wishes of the student body of that period, the system at present in force was returned to. The Library authorities are ready now, as they were then, to regulate the Library hours for the best advantage of the undergraduates, but it may have escaped your notice and that of your readers that to keep the Library open in the evening might involve abandonment of the present practice of allowing books to be taken out for the night. This, I believe, was the drawback to the system of opening the Library in the evening which led the students in 1893 to ask for a return to the old arrangement. Any general expression of opinion from the students on this point would certainly receive attention again, but in the absence of fresh evidence of this kind I for one must continue to believe that the privilege of taking books home to study is more valuable to most students than that of being able to resort to the Library itself up to 10 o'clock at night.

Yours truly,
H. H. LANGTON.

THE READING ROOM.

Editor of VARSITY,

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly allow me to use some of your valuable space as a medium to give expression to a few thoughts to which it would be advisable to give publicity.

Most of the students are aware that there is a splendid reading-room in the Students' Union, and quite naturally avail themselves of its advantages. But a great number of these must surely be under the impression either that the University Council or Athletic Directorate supply these magazines and newspapers, for, I cannot believe that, if they knew the real source of revenue, they would not feel embarrassed at giving the reading-room such liberal patronage. The magazines and dailies are paid for out of the funds of the Literary Society and amount to the comparatively large sum of \$60.

Now, Mr. Editor, it is just as unnatural that students who have not assisted financially in maintaining this reading-room should use it when a few have paid for the whole, as it is for one student to borrow VARSITY every week to obtain the current college news which another has paid

for. I am not accusing students of any ungentlemanly action, but believe that it is simply a lack of knowledge on their part, and I am confident that when they learn the true state of affairs they will act as true undergraduates have the name of acting.

Let no one of the gentlemen referred to take this as an intimation that he should cease using the reading-room. This is mainly an explanatory letter written so as to enable some delinquents to show financially how they appreciate a quiet perusal of the best magazines that can be obtained in the literary market. Those who feel how grievous an error they have committed can make full reparation by opening up communication with the treasurer of the Literary Society.

I sincerely hope that all concerning whom this is written will be sensitive enough to see the position in which they are placed. They will greatly assist in supporting an efficient reading-room, and also will feel confident that they are not intruding in using property which should be considered as common in so far as it is used by those paying for it.

I am, yours very sincerely,

Jan. 22, 1900.

R. A. CASSIDY.

STUDENT TRIBUNALS.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

Sir,—In section nine, page forty of the Calendar, we find, "All interference on the part of any student with the personal liberty of another, by arresting him, or summoning him to appear before any tribunal of students, or otherwise subjecting him to any indignity or personal violence, is forbidden by the Council." The penalty is the forfeiture of the certificate for admission and liability to expulsion from the University.

Now, sir, we all know that this rule is ineffective. Such interferences do take place, and the efforts of the members of the Faculty to prevent them very often place them in positions hardly consistent with the dignity of their office; while the students learn that as a united body, they can practically disregard the rules of the University.

At Queen's University they have another way of remedying the evil. Instead of practicing this method of repression, which at best only causes the evil to break out somewhere else, they endeavor to direct the energy of the students into a legitimate channel. Accordingly the trial by the student body is made legal; the decisions are upheld by the Senate, even to the extent of expelling unworthy members. Of course there is always an appeal to the Senate against unjust decisions.

To me it seems that this method is the wiser. When the students recognize that their decision holds they will refrain from any frivolous or unjust action. At the same time many offences, which are now, at least, said to be committed, would not, if such a court were established, be permitted—in many instances would probably not occur.

However, the matter will stand discussion, and I should like to see it taken up either in your columns or in the Literary Society, where the opinions of the students could be learned.

Yours sincerely, LITHOS.

THE "LIT."

It was with recollections of the splendid Mock Parliaments held during '98-'99 that I wended my way to the Students' Union last Friday evening. Notwithstanding a strong counter-attraction in the Inter-Collegiate Debate at Knox College, a goodly crowd assembled, but had it been known that the meeting was to be graced by the presence of three of the fair sex, no doubt every seat would have been occupied. For some reason, which a certain senior might be able to give, the ladies left early, and during the evening one might think the Government was receiving a just punishment for the action of one of its members.

For a wonder there was little or no business and Parliament was opened promptly, Mr. Smale being elected Speaker. Unfortunately the Press is somewhat restricted in reporting verbatim speeches of Parliament, otherwise the readers of VARSITY would read something startling this week.

The Attorney-General opened proceedings by introducing a Bill to prevent flirtations in the Library, but fortunately for the Government a division was not taken on it. Mr. Baird moved the address on the speech from the throne in a neat, forcible speech, and was ably seconded by Mr. McGuire. Mr. 'Kylie, leader of the Opposition, could see nothing useful in the Government's platform and prophesied its speedy downfall. Mr. Garvey, upon rising, was greeted with uproarious cheers. He spoke generally on all the clauses favoring the re-establishment of the scrap and the reduction of the conversat. tickets, which would indirectly benefit the nation. Brophey's reply was vigorous and roused the ire of the Attorney-General. He succeeded in cornering the Cabinet several times, and a certain Cabinet Minister will hereafter remember that the word "impertinence" has a double meaning. Sinclair proved that the Government was economical, and ended in a sharp passage at arms with Brophey, which brought out their respective classical abilities. Fisher's youthful appearance apparently deceived the perceptive powers of the leader of the labor party, Mr. Cooper, since, when the former gentleman arose, the latter questioned his right to a seat in Parliament, as he was not of age. It was suggested that this be investigated by applying a test which is used sometimes in a similar investigation in the case of equines. Fisher, however, showed his majority in the way he demolished the Government. Stewart emerged successfully from a tilt with the Opposition as to his parliamentary qualifications, and, as we might expect, dwelt on the clause relating to the ladies. Burton saw a financial failure by reducing the double tickets to the conversat. by a cent, but he was reassured by Brophey, who pointed out that the lady would bring the (s)cent with her anyway. Space will not permit us to give all the witty remarks made by the above and other gentlemen, viz.: Messrs. Stewart, Hogg, Miller, Keith, Chapman and McNeil, each of whom made it lively for his opponents.

JUNIOR.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

Rev. R. P. Bowles' sermon on Sunday afternoon was very much appreciated by all who heard it. This series has been of distinct value to the student life of the institution; there are yet two more of them.

John R. Mott is coming to stay with us Feb. 2-6. He holds meetings every night in Association Hall. Hear him, he wants to talk to you.

To-night is election night for next year's officers. There is a large number of good nominations. Pick your men and come out and elect them.

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The News

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The first meeting of the spring term will be held in Room 2, Thursday, February 1st, when Mr. T. A. Russell, B.A., Fellow in Political Science, will give a lecture on Canadian Transportation. Mr. Russell has spent much time on this subject and cannot fail to make such an important question very interesting. The club has been fortunate in securing the services of Messrs. James, Morgan Wood and A. E. Kemp for future meetings.

ORATORICAL CONTEST.

An open meeting of the Literary Society will be held in the Gymnasium Friday evening, Jan. 26th, and will take the form of an oratorical contest. The following have entered: A. H. McLeod, N. F. Coleman, J. F. M. Stewart, Chas. Garvey, R. M. Millman, E. M. Wilcox, A. L. McCreadie, W. H. F. Addison. Those who very kindly consented to act as judges are: Prof. Alexander, Rev. G. M. Milligan, Dr. Parkin and Principal Hoyles. The Premier, Hon. G. W. Ross, who is himself one of Canada's most able exponents of the art of oratory, and who has ever taken an interest in University affairs, even of an undergraduate nature, awards the medal which goes as a championship prize to some one of the eight mentioned above. Who will it be? When will England get to Pretoria?

EVENING WITH GOETHE.

A literary and musical evening with Goethe will be held under the auspices of the Modern Language Club in the theatre of the Chemical Building, on Monday, Feb. 5th at 8 p.m. A talk on Goethe's life and lyrics will be given by Prof. Vandersmissen, with lantern illustrations of people and places connected with that life; and a selection of the poet's finest lyrics will be musically rendered by well known vocalists. All members of the faculty, students and their friends, who are interested in the subject, are cordially invited to be present. Those who desire to announce this meeting to their friends by invitation cards, may obtain the same from W. Elmslie, Corresponding Secretary of the Club.

INTER-COLLEGE CLUB.

The meeting for the discussion of the proposed Inter-College Club will be held at Wycliffe College, on Saturday evening, Jan. 27th, at 8 o'clock. It is hoped that all who are interested in the proposition will turn out. For information see THE VARSITY of Jan. 17.

Remember the second Saturday Lecture for the benefit of the Ladies' Residence Fund, on "Literature and the National Life," by W. Wilfred Campbell, F.R.S.C., 3 p.m., January 27th, Chemical Building.

CONVERSAZIONE.

The annual conversazione of the University College Literary Society, which is to be held on the evening of Feb. 9th, should be patronized by a very large number of the students. The tickets have been placed at the low price of one dollar. There will be held at 8.30 a reception by the president of the Literary Society. Exhibits from the Natural Science, Practical Science, Physical and Psychological Departments will be on view throughout the evening. During the hour 8.45—9.45 special features will be run off in room 16 and in the psychological and physical laboratories. These special features will consist in lantern slide illustrations and certain displays which will give a

slight idea of the work the University, is doing in some one of its special departments.

Promenading and dancing will commence about ten o'clock. In order that both dancers and non-dancers may enjoy themselves thoroughly, an orchestra will play in the lower hallway for promenading, and an orchestra also in each of the two halls. Webb is to do the catering and O'Malley the decorating, so that these will be up to the usual high standard. The committee are sparing neither time nor labor to make the function a decided success. Let the student body, which they represent, show an appreciation of their efforts by taking tickets at an early date.

The Sports

The weather during the past two weeks has not been of a kind to encourage our outdoor winter game of hockey. Last week it was impossible to play either league games or even practice matches, and so practically all our hockey games are yet to come. There are two series this year to interest Varsity men, namely, the series of the Ontario Hockey Association, in which Varsity has a first and second team entered, and the inter-faculty series, all the matches in which will be played on our own rink.

THE ONTARIO HOCKEY SERIES.

At first Varsity's prospects were the very poorest, for there was a great lack of organization, a team which had been accustomed to look to Snell, MacKenzie, Shepherd, Darling and Waldie, would naturally be much weakened by losing all of these men at the opening of one season; as none of them can see their way clear to follow the puck this winter. However, the prospects are much better, a new organization has been effected which will, it is hoped, replace in some degree the old combination. Two games have already been played, the second team tying Newmarket on their own rink with a score of seven all, and the second team losing to Waterloo after a hard game by the score of five to seven. It is generally considered now that Varsity I. will win out in the first series and so go into the semi-final games. Further than that cannot now be presaged.

INTER-FACULTY GAMES.

But, perhaps, even greater interest attaches this year to the series of games being arranged on the model of the Mulock series. The different teams have all arranged for regular practices on the Varsity rink, and many good games are expected. The series will commence probably on Feb. 1st, and all teams should make arrangements with the secretary of the Athletic Association not later than Saturday, the 27th inst. It is hoped that the Arts team will not be behind in getting out their best men, in order that the cup may not go from among us.

THE RINK.

Varsity rink has suffered from the soft weather of late, but the time has been improved by the erection of another dressing room and the addition of other improvements. Prospects are good for a month of skating in February, and arrangements have been made for a band on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons.

GYMNASIUM.

Classes in the gymnasium are unusually good this year and the men are now training for the assault-at-arms, which will take place about the end of February. Besides the usual class work, an intercollegiate contest in foil and bayonet is being contemplated.

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I wak' from sleep, an' hear de knock.
I strike de ma'ch—she tree o'clock;
Descendin', I de door unlock,
An' de win' she blow, blow, blow.

I say once, twice, de night was dark;
De win' she blow, blow, blow;
Sin' Noah step out from de ark,
Mon Dieu! he don' see so much mark
As Rob, for he is on de lark,
An' de win' she blow, blow, blow.

I see de night is dark an' col',
De win' she blow, blow, blow;
De eye and body, dey bo'f roll;
I smell de Scotch, bot' strong and ol';
Say I, you go 'way from de fol';
But haf' de truf she no' be'n tol';
An' de win' she blow, blow, blow.

De night, O, she is black as sin;
De win' she blow, blow, blow;
An' after I was tak' him in,

I say, "Now, Bob, w'er' haf you ben?"
He look up wid a horrid grin;
Say he: "Med. diner split an' gin;"
An' de win' she blow, blow, blow.

Come all ye good wise saw-bone man,
Tak' warnin' from de tale;
You'll no git drunk so long's you leave
De liquor in de pail;
For beer, it go onto de leg,
De vin go to de head;
De champain' go fer you all roun',
An' mak' de fres'man med.
To say de prayer in bed,
For fear dat he be dead;
While de win' she blow, blow, blow.

DE BALLADE OF DE FRES'MAN ARTS.

De night, she bon, of which I talk,
De moon she keep on smile,
De door stan' still, she am unlock,
Me tro' de door can easy walk,
Upon de stair am no loud talk,
An' de moon she keep on smile.

De night she sober as can be,
De moon, she keep on smile,
De tree he no bunt into me,
De sidewalk he no on de spree,
De clock she no so old as t'ree,
An' de moon she keep on smile.

De night she am bof cold an' high,
De moon she keep on smile,
De bed lie where she always lie,
I see out of no bleary eye,
But, O, my mouf, she am so dry,
De heart she loudly call for rye,
But de moon she keep on smile.

It hard to drink of lemonade,
When only lemons der,
When de mouf he ust to better tings,
Dat de leg am trained to bear,
I s'pose hit bes' to no git drunk,
Den no git won big head,
But of de dinners dat I lak,
I spec' it am de Med.

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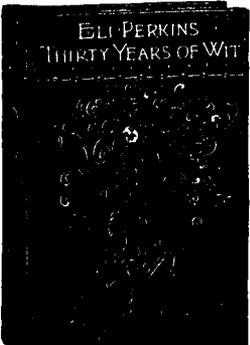
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- 23.—Notice by candidates for the Public School Leaving, Junior Leaving, Senior Leaving, University Matriculation, Commercial Specialist, Commercial Diploma, and Kindergarten Examinations, to Inspectors due.
- Empire Day (first school day before 24th May).
- 25.—Examination at Ontario Normal College, Hamilton, begins. (At close of session).
- 26.—Inspectors to report number of candidates for the Public School Leaving, High School Leaving, University Matriculation, Commercial Diploma, Commercial Specialists, and Kindergarten Examinations to Department.
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Mr. J. F. M. Stewarr, '00, was charged at the bar of the House of Commons at Friday night's Lit. with being a bigamist, having seventeen wives and two widows. Incredible—he did not repudiate the charge.

The price of sups. has gone up. Whereas a sup. cost but \$5, now one is worth \$15. Thus they have appreciated by three times their original value. We hope the rise in price is occasioned by scarcity of the market.

Moral—If resolutions are pave-stones in Hades, it's a well-warmed and streeted abode, where students by their sole endeavor might lay down a macadamized road.—Ex.

A very large audience assembled in the Chemical Theatre on Monday last to hear Prof. Baker's lecture on "Astrology." The lecture was a most instructive and enjoyable one.

The oratorical contest promises to be of engrossing interest. One of the future contestants was seen leaning over the library desk for two hours at a stretch one morning this week.

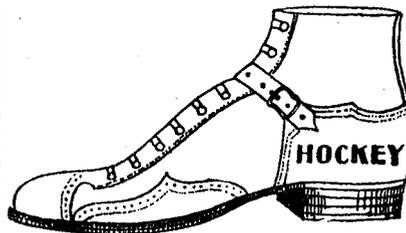
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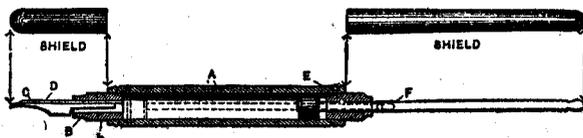
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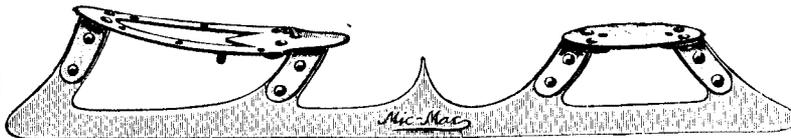
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