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CHAMPIONSHIP FOR QUEENS

Men From Kingston Win Inter-collegiate Boxing and Wrestling Contest

FENCING

Is Stronghold of Blue and White—Large Attendance

In a rattling exhibition of boxing, wrestling and fencing the men from Queens proved their superiority over the representatives of McGill and Varsity. There were about seven hundred and fifty spectators present and they enjoyed themselves immensely. The bouts were all clean, the best of spirit prevailed among the contestants, and, wonderful to relate, the decisions were nearly all satisfactory to the gallery gods. The winners were:

BOXING.

- 115 lb. Class—Dawson (Queens).
- 125 lb. Class—Forbes (McGill).
- 135 lb. Class—Dewar (Queens).
- 145 lb. Class—Davison (Varsity).
- 158 lb. Class—Moxley (Queens).
- Heavyweight Class—Way (Varsity).

Points—Queens 3, Varsity 2, McGill 1. In the 115 lb. Class Bone of McGill put up a great fight and it looked as if he would come out a winner but he could not go the pace and the bout had to be stopped.

Mutch put up a wonderful argument against Dewar and the latter got what looked like the closest decision of the evening after a terrific three rounds.

Crosley of McGill and Sutherland of Varsity had to go an extra round in the preliminaries before the visitor was declared a winner. He seemed to feel the effects of his afternoon setto when he came on in the evening and was knocked out in the first round.

WRESTLING.

- 115 lb. Class—Roberts (Queens).
- 125 lb. Class—McKenzie (Varsity).
- 135 lb. Class—McGregor (Queens).
- 145 lb. Class—Armitage (McGill).
- 158 lb. Class—Raitt (Queens).
- Heavyweight Class—McKenzie (Var.).

Points—Queens 3, Varsity 2, McGill 1. The wrestling was all of a very high order, fast scientific and particularly clean. Foster was obliged to default his match with Armitage of McGill in the 145 owing to a broken rib sustained in the afternoon contest.

FENCING.

The winners were Alley and Montgomery, both of Varsity. These men clearly outclassed their rivals scoring more points than the other two colleges put together. The fencing championship added one point to Varsity's score, making the final results: Queens 6, Varsity 5, McGill 2.

SWIMMING

On Friday night Mr. G. H. Corsan, Varsity Swimming Instructor gave an interesting lecture and demonstration on the art of swimming. He talked at some length on the fundamental principles of maintaining a proper position and rhythmic breathing. Afterwards he illustrated his remarks by doing fancy speed swimming stunts. He started off with "the porpoise" as usual and also did "submarine" "otter" "sculling" and swimming with hands and feet tied. Afterwards he gave an exposition of life saving methods using J. D. Paterson of Wycliffe to represent the drowning person. As no outsider took up Mr. Corsan's challenge to pull him out of the water Paterson was again used. He put up a good scrap but was easily beaten by superior skill. The sides of the pool were well filled with spectators.

On Monday, February 26, classes for the Bronze Medallion and certificate of the Royal Life Saving Society will commence in the Fencing room at 5.15 p.m. The examination is on March 2nd, so turn up sharp on Monday. Mr. Corsan will give you all the assistance you need to qualify for the award. No fees for instruction. Examination for Silver Medal on March 9th.

HOT DEBATE

At Meeting of Lit.—Prof. Jackson Addressed Students

At the largest meeting of the Lit since the new year, some needed reforms in the 'laws' were passed and a number of proposed changes were defeated. On Constitution Night any changes must be carried by a majority of two to one and the party organizers were kept busy. A number of motions passed unanimously most important of which was a rule preventing closure and snap vote on Budget Night. When the leader of the Opposition introduced the bill providing for Responsible Government (that a change of government should follow the passing of want of confidence in the administration, due notice being given, and only paid-up members voting), the real excitement began. After an hour's debate the motion was lost the vote being yeas 70, nays 40.

Clauses defining a government and a government measure were similarly defeated, but an Old Lit bill empowering the chair to rule out any discussion 'detrimental to despatch' in business or debate, was passed, some Unionists voting for it.

At 10.30 the debate was temporarily suspended and Mr. Jackson of the Political Science Department spoke on "Literary Societies of British Universities." The Union there is both a debating society and a fraternity. With 1500 paid members of the Union, debates were always well attended, and public men were glad to come to the meetings.

The winners of the Bristol and Gibson prizes, T. S. Gordon and R. H. Fraser were announced.

The inter-year debate between '13 and '14 on Irish Home Rule was announced to take place at a special meeting of the Lit to be held Wednesday in East Hall at 5 p.m.

CURLING CLUB DOINGS

Kingston Trip and Treadgold Competition Keep The Sweepers Busy

On Saturday fifteen enthusiastic members of the University Curling Club journeyed to Kingston to play the return match with the Queen's curlers and also to try conclusions with the veterans of the Kingston Curling Club. In the first match played here at Toronto, the two Varsity rinks had pulled out a victory after some close and exciting curling—both being one shot up at the end of the conflict, so a tight battle was looked for at Kingston. When the wearers of the tricolor would be on their own ice. However the weather man saw fit to bring on some warm days and sticky ice so the Scotchmen at Queens were denied their revenge, as they were outplayed by the Blue and the White in both the two undergraduate rinks and the faculty rink.

The afternoon card:

Queen's—E. H. Brown (Sk.), 7; P.T. Pilkey (Sk.), 7; Prof. Laird (Sk.), 9—Total 23.

Toronto—G. H. Burnham (Sk.), 12; E. A. Seman, 14; A. D. Lapan, 16—Total 42.

In the evening three Varsity rinks met rinks of the Kingston Curling Club and at the end of the evening were down for a total of ten shots.

The skips:

Kingston C.C.—T. Slater (Sk.), 13; T. M. Asseltine (Sk.), 14; Capt. Leslie (Sk.), 21;—Total 48.

Varsity—W. A. Kirkwood (Sk.), 12; W. C. Blackwood (Sk.), 14; A. D. Lapan (Sk.), 12—Total 38.

The Queen's men and the members of the Kingston Curling Club treated the visitors from Toronto royally. After the afternoon game a dinner was given in the University Arts building.

Just at present the semi-finals have been reached in the local clubs competition for the Treadgold trophy. The rink still remaining are those skipped by Seman, Blackwood and Treadgold. The finals will be pulled off this week, weather permitting.

LARGE AUDIENCE AT GLEE CLUB

Adam's "Comrades in Arms" Was Favourite Number—Credit is Due to Dr. Anderson

The University of Toronto Glee Club gave its annual concert last Thursday night before a splendid audience in Convocation Hall. The chorus was in fine form and sang its seven numbers with a musical ability that would astonish the average music-lover of the city. The first number Mendelssohn's—"Tis the Song whose Spirit," was sung with fine effect. Harker's "Lullaby" and Buck's "Lead Kindly Light" were beautifully rendered, and showed a full grasp of part singing. Sullivan's "The Long Day Closes" and Adam's "Comrades in Arms" were the popular numbers of the evening. The latter has a great choral swing to it.

Dr. Anderson deserves great credit indeed for his interest in and conducting of the singers. The Club will undoubtedly advance with great strides during the coming year under his able leadership.

The Toronto String Quartette assisted at the performance and played four numbers: the full quartette, Mendelssohn's "Canzonetta," Hayden's "Largo," and Glazounow's "Quatuor Slave"; and the first violin with Mr. Blachford and the quartette, played Bach's "Air on G string," and Ries's "Moto perpetua." Mr. Mikolai played a cello solo, the "Chants Russes" of Lalo. The Quartette was warmly received and has undoubtedly won a place in Varsity hearts.

The concert was certainly a success. With the exception perhaps of a few snow-drifts, the evening was beyond reproach and is witness to the Club's ever-growing popularity and excellence.

O ye, delinquents! Be sure and pay up that dollar for your subscription.

HYA YAKA DANCE

The Royal College of Dental Surgeons held their Hya Yaka Dance in the Temple Building last week. The hall was strikingly decorated with palms and pennants and Bear's Orchestra provided an excellent dance program. A hundred couples attended and the evening proved to be one of the most entertaining in years. A unique feature was in the design of the programs which were in the form of a dainty fan. The dance broke up at two o'clock. The patronesses were: Mrs. Falconer, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Cummer, Mrs. Mallory, Miss Hinch and Miss Thompson.

THE PARLIAMENT SITUATION

Are YOU, an undergraduate, fully alive to the question of your official representative body?

You should form definite ideas on:

The amount of power this organization should have.

The men who should be elected.

The methods of financing this body.

The ways of securing utmost efficiency in the conduct of its affairs.

Above all, realize your responsibility in the matter?

These are big questions, and the time to grapple with them is NOW.

On Wednesday the Varsity will be issued as on Friday last to every undergraduate. Every effort will be made to set the issues clearly before the student body. Write a letter to The Varsity questioning, correcting, arguing, expressing your individuality. Get the issues clearly in mind, then set about getting a man to represent you in Parliament. Get the biggest, broadest, best man you know.

DR. J. BALCOM SHAW

Delivered Sunday Sermon—He Says The World Believes But Will Not Act

Yesterday, Dr. J. Balcom Shaw of Chicago preached the last sermon which is to be held at Wycliffe this year as next Sunday the new organ will be ready in Convocation Hall.

He propounded and answered the question "What do you think of Jesus Christ?" There are many answers to this question all differing in some particulars but all with the same general tenor. Tennyson, when asked this question, plucked a flower and held it to the sun, saying, "What yonder sun has been to this flower, giving it life and beauty, so has Jesus Christ been to me."

"A Great Political Economist lately told Dr. Shaw that the whole science of Political Economy is being rewritten according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The doctor cited many other testimonies of a like nature showing that the world as a whole had a strong and abiding belief in the Saviour. The age thinks well of Jesus Christ because it can't help it, but it doesn't want this man to rule its daily actions. Everyone says sweet things about Christ, but He needs attackers and heroic defenders if Christianity is to grip the nation.

"I appeal to this company this morning and I ask you to take up the cross, not with the arm of sentiment nor of intellect nor of emotion, but with the arm of your will," concluded Dr. Shaw.

SATURDAY LECTURE

The Perils of Mountaineering In The Alps Vividly Pourtrayed

Before an audience whose attention he closely held throughout, Mr. W. A. Jackson, B.A., of Upper Canada College, gave a most interesting and illuminating lecture Saturday afternoon in the Physics Building on "Mountaineering." Mr. Jackson being a mountain-climber of some repute himself was ably fitted to speak upon such a subject. The speaker's remarks, which were of themselves intensely interesting, were augmented by the portrayal of the various scenes thrown upon the screen. The Alps was the scene of action and during the lecture Mr. Jackson conducted his listeners safely over several of the most renowned peaks of that range. By the aid of the lantern slides a good idea was gained of the perils to the uninitiated, almost too great to be attempted, that the mountain climber has to face upon his ascent and descent of the mountain.

At the close of the lecture a most hearty vote of thanks was given to the speaker by President Falconer. This completes the list of Saturday lectures for the present academic year.

CHESS MATCH

The deciding match between the Varsity Chess Club and the Toronto Chess Club was played off in the rooms of the latter club on Saturday evening, February 24th. Varsity won by a score of 8 to 6, thus becoming holders of the handsome trophy given by W. C. Eddis, Esq., President of the Toronto Chess Club.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

The game between St. Hilda's and Victoria was not played Friday afternoon owing to poor ice. The contest will take place on Monday at 4.30 in the Excelsior Rink. This game has an important bearing on the championship and should be well worth seeing.

'16 MEDICAL DANCE

The '16 Meds Dance on Friday evening, was a decided success. About eighty couples enjoyed the evening. Each individual can testify to the enjoyment of the "Moon Dances." Several from other years and faculties were present and all were loud in their praise of the Dance Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



There will be a Class Meeting of 1914 in the West Hall at 4.30 Thursday, February 29th.

Inter-Faculty Oratorical Contest at Victoria College Chapel, Tuesday, February 27, at 8 p.m.

"Los Pantalones" and "Lumie di Sicilia," Spanish and Italian plays, West Hall, Monday, 8 p.m.

The annual meeting of the Federal Y.M.C.A. will be held in the Association Building, Thursday the 29th at 4 p.m.

A meeting of the women of University College will be held Thursday afternoon in Room 6 to adopt a constitution for a "Women Undergraduates Association."

Professor A. B. Macallum will give an illustrated lecture on "South Africa" at the open meeting of the Medical Society in the north lecture room on Monday at 4.30 o'clock.

The Final Debate in the Inter-College Debating Union of Toronto will be held between McMaster University vs. Osgoode Hall in Wycliffe College Convocation Hall Monday, February 26, 1912, at 8 o'clock p.m.

Professor Johnston will give a lecture to the Classical Association to-morrow in room 40-A, Psychological Department. The subject will be "Aosta, a Roman Fortress, and Augustus' Conquest of the Alpine Tribes."

The Military lecture on Wednesday the 28th will be on the subject "The Austro-Prussian Campaign of 1866." The lecturer, Lieut-Colonel T. B. Wood, R.G.A., General Staff, Kingston is attached to the Royal Military College there.

To-day is University Day at the Toronto Auto Show in the Armouries. The ladies of the University are invited to be the guests of the management on this occasion, and tickets may be obtained on application at the Registrars' Office in the Main building. The professors and their wives are also cordially invited to avail themselves of the management's hospitality, and may also obtain passes from Registrar Brebner.

COMING EVENTS

- Feb. 26—Modern Language Club, Italian and Spanish Comedies.
- 26—I.C.D.U. Final Debate, Osgoode vs. McMaster
- 26—U.C. Graduating Class Dinner.
- 27—University Oratorical Contest.
- 27—Sifton Cup Semi-finals, Dents vs. O.A.C.
- 27—1912 U.C. Class Meeting, East Hall, at 4 p.m.
- 29—Trinity Oratorical Contest.
- 29—Indoor Track Meet (Second Day).
- 29—Mosaic Alumni Ball
- Mar. 1—Assault-at-Arms.
- 1—Victoria Senior Dinner
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- 4—Medical Daffydil Night.
- 5—Robert Knowles, West Hall
- 8—Women's Dramatic Club, "Much Ado About Nothing."

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AT OXFORD

It is perhaps not fully realized how great a degree of personal liberty is enjoyed by the undergraduate at Toronto University. The suggestion of more term exams., fuller supervision of the student's work, and a generally increased emphasis on the regularity of study throughout the year—all these reforms that are occasionally advocated as tending to palliate the evil of annual examinations, have invariably raised a storm of protest on the ground of interference with the freedom of the individual to pursue his course in the manner that pleases him best. We are prone to forget that at this University we enjoy a measure of personal liberty that is not found in some other seats of learning.

A letter recently received from a prominent graduate of Toronto now studying at Oxford, throws some interesting sidelights on the system prevailing at that historic shrine of knowledge. According to our correspondent, Oxford is far from being the leisurely, Bohemian haunt that some of us are prone to imagine. "The thing that struck me most," he writes, "is the way they make you work over here. Talk about interference with personal liberty! Toronto is a paradise to this place. They don't let you run your own show at all. I used to think annual examinations enough. Here they make me write three essays a fortnight, which are criticized with the utmost harshness. Besides these essays we have what they call "collections" at the end of each vacation, which means a vacation of most ferocious grinding."

Some of the rules of conduct at Oxford falls strangely on Canadian ears. "Of course," says our correspondent, "it is easy to see that there must be quite a bit of personal supervision over the undergrad. in the college system. But it does seem a real hardship to be dragged out of bed in the small hours of the morning to "roller" or chapel; to be forced to eat the wretched grub they provide you in Hall at least five nights a week; to be fined if you are not in College by nine o'clock each night; and to be "stung" £5, or even "sent down", if you are out after the midnight hour. I am still writhing over the fact that I was "gated" one night last term for missing a Sunday morning "roller." As I sat in durance vile I tried hard to recall when I had been "kept in" during my life before; and my sole recollection of such an occurrence carried me back to my high school days."

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

If Highbrow, in his quest of the unknown, had accompanied the Dopster and me to the gladiation meet last Saturday, he would have seen a sight that would have either shocked him to death or ended his series. The Boxing Tournament was a festival of gore. I watched cat-like for a stray tooth or a piece of ear to bring away, in order to have tangible evidence that I had not been in the grip of a brain-storm; but I have to be satisfied by the serene faces of people when I mention the event. The Dopster assures me it really took place. He explained to me during the carnage as he stabbed monosyllabic sporting notes into his programme, that the boxing tournament is a great and useful institution. He says it is the means of the settlement of old quarrels. For instance, two men disagree on some small point such as a debt or a lady's smile: they hold it over until the tournament and fight it out. It is like Heidelberg and duels. I had no idea that Romance was so much alive, that men were still so manly, and that chivalry still persisted.

However, let me suggest some reform. (Not that my reforms are worthy of acceptance. For example, I once suggested that each fire-hall be furnished with a special wagon equipped with an orchestra, which would play Wagner at fires, and so enhance the enjoyment of the spectators. But the city did nothing about it.) By way of reform—the contests in some cases were insufficiently bloody. Furthermore, the fights were stopped before either could get any satisfaction, quarrels were left unsettled, and the whole meaning of the institution was lost. If we are going to be brutal, let us be bloody and brutal.

There were a few fights that were gory enough to satisfy the most Roman of spectators. And when the last of the mighty came a cropper like a topless tower of Ilium, I turned away with the popular expression on my lips: 'Alas! I smattered, I must sneak elsewhere.'

THE ONLOOKER:
P.S.—By the way, reader, the ladies have been assailing us because we ignore them in these editorial columns. The neglect in my column is the result of my misfortune and not of my fault, I assure you. In reply to these ferocious assaults, we challenge the 'Varsity girls to come and take full charge and bring out one issue of the 'Varsity'.

O.

HABITUAL HIGH-BROW



Wycliffe for holiness, the Union for smoke, and the chemistry Lab. at the School for bottles. Big bottles, little bottles, square round, and peculiar. And something tells you that there are millions more of them stowed safe

away in the cupboards where the embryo Chemist keeps his gown.

Gown? A yellow toga, suggestive of Winton Six's and gasoline. And the ghouls who wear them are the guardians of the bottles. They know to read and understand the horrid labels; and take an unholy delight in mixing green and red to watch for the explosion.

Pipes are taboo, but the calous School man murmurs as he attaches his Bunsen burner, that "you can chew if you like." Abandon aestheticism, all ye who enter here.

I looked over their shoulders for a while as they made strange marks in cross-ruled note-books; then, hearing a militant "Toike Oike" resound from some distant passage, I deemed it wiser to withdraw while there was yet time. I had heard tales, and dreamed visions; flesh is weak. Just as I reached the door a jet of water spurted past my ear; their laughter followed me down the passage.

"Too many bottles," I reflected, running down stairs two-at-a-time; "I must seek elsewhere."

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The class of oney three of Victoria College have completed the election of holders of the Senior and Athletic Sticks for the year 1912-1913. The Senior Stick which is held by the most popular member of the Senior Year goes to Miss E. I. Gilroy, while the Knight who will carry it for her is J. D. Robins. The Athletic Stick goes to the man most prominent in Athletics, who has not allowed his academic work to give place to sport; or, in other words, one who has never had a star. The men of the year unanimously elected H. C. Jeffries to that much coveted office. The presentation of the Sticks to the respective recipients took place at the Senior reception on Friday evening.

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WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

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ELECTRICAL CLUB

At the regular meeting of the Electrical Club last Thursday evening Mr. J. M. Barr gave a paper on the city waterworks system. Mr. Barr is a graduate of Glasgow University and Assistant Engineer in the Waterworks department.

The speaker first gave an excellent outline of the complete system showing the status of the various pumping plants situated on the Island and in the city. The remainder of the paper dealt with the several types of pumps in use.

Mr. Barr's paper was greatly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present at the meeting and a hearty vote of thanks was extended to him.

EXCURSION TO PETERBORO

Electrical Club Visited Works of Can. Gen. Electric Co.

The Electrical Club excursion to Peterboro was most successful. The object of the excursion was to visit the works of the Canadian General Electric Co., which are situated there. Representatives of the company were at the station to meet the team and provided street cars to take the visitors to the hotel. Here, as guests of the company, a first class dinner was provided and full justice was done to it.

After dinner the works were visited and with several of the company's engineers in charge of the various parties, a very profitable time was spent in the many departments of the large works.

About half the men remained until Saturday night and during the day visited several power plants of interest including the Auburn Power Co., the city Pumping Plant and the power plant of the Canadian General Electric Co.

Professors Angus and Rosebrugh accompanied the club making a party of about forty-five.

The Club is greatly indebted to the Canadian General Electric Co. for the excellent manner in which the arrangements were carried out and for their kindness in providing such a splendid time.

STUDENTS' VOLUNTEER UNION

Addressed by Mr. C. W. Bishop, B.A., About Conference At Constantinople

Those who were present at the meeting of the Student Volunteer Union, held in Wycliffe on Sunday evening listened to an interesting and powerful address by Mr. C. W. Bishop, B.A.

Speaking of the World Student Christian Conference recently held at Constantinople, he pointed out the significance of this gathering. It represented the Student Volunteer Movement all over the world; there being present 237 delegates from 33 countries. The fact that the sessions of the Conference were held in Constantinople—the centre of "the world's danger zone"—indicated the liberal movement now taking place in Turkey, and the dawn of a new era in this part of the world.

Mr. Bishop spoke of the great difficulties under which work amongst students is being carried on in such centres as Constantinople and St. Petersburg; and he concluded by appealing for more earnest prayer on behalf of those in the Field, and for the renewed consecration of the great world-service of making the truths of the Gospel known.

Silence is the college yell of the school of experience.—O.A.C. Review.

CORRESPONDENCE

**A Supporter for Dr. Cook
Part II.**

Dr. Frederick Albert Cook, will rank among the most heroic of the world's explorers; but for the time he is the victim of a colossal conspiracy, to which the newspapers have lent their powerful support. After the serious accusations of Peary and his cliques, the world waited in suspense for the decision of the experts at Copenhagen by whom Dr. Cook's records were examined. The decision was that there was no absolute proof. On the strength of that and the mudslinging of Peary, the world has branded Dr. Cook, as a liar; yet Peary's tale is generally accepted as true, though his records have exactly the same element of uncertainty. It is very significant that the Royal Geographical Society's medal presented to Peary was inscribed, "For long service in the Arctic," not for discovery of the Pole.

As Dr. Cook himself affirms, no man can bring home absolute proof of being at the Pole, nor can he be personally convinced that he has reached the exact spot with pin-point accuracy. There are no stars, the sun is only ten degrees above the horizon, the polar sea is covered with a moving ice-pack, and there is no landmark whatsoever in the desolate waste of ice and snow. This frank admission two years ago was sufficient for an unprincipled reporter to cable that "Cook has at last confessed his falsehood, and disappeared."

Yet there was a reliable practical test which Cook carried out with a scrupulous care. He reached the locality where a man's shadow is the same length throughout the twenty-four hours, and that he did before any other living man. For this we have to take his word and that of his two Eskimo companions; but who will be mean enough to stand up and deny him the credit for a great achievement?

It was a grand, ungrudging ovation that he received on Monday night when the Stars and Stripes were flashed upon the screen, and the doctor exclaimed in a tone of quiet triumph, "That was planted on the Pole." An intangible something which gave David Livingstone the credence and credit he deserved, told each listener on Monday night, that Frederick Cook was a man of courage, truth and honour. All joined in a tribute to the man and his flag.

Those are facts, and I have gone so far into merely narrative details simply because of the unfairness and misrepresentation of the newspapers—the tight-fisted tyranny of the press. One finds it hard to refrain from the most passionate indignation when reading this solitary report in the sixteen pages of Tuesday's Daily Star:—

"NOTE AND COMMENT.

Those who attended Dr. Cook's lecture last night just wanted to have a look at his cheek."

"The News" is generous enough to devote three inches of small type in an obscure corner of page 11. Even by "The Globe," the brave doctor in his lonely fight is "damn'd with faint praise" in the lower right-hand corner of page 2.

Give the man fair play. It is all he asks; it is the breath of life to him now that his greatest work is done. Are we of a large University too blind to realize the unfair attitude of the press? Read the New York "Evening Post" for Sept. 8, 1909:—"Peary will wear his great laurels with becoming grace, and will without hesitation share them freely and ungrudgingly as soon as Dr. Cook can produce his proofs!" According to the enlightened American press Peary did not need proofs.

The New York "Times" went a little too far in the bitter controversy, and must now defend itself on a \$100,000 libel charge entered a month ago by Dr. Cook. We trust the Toronto "Star" will assist the "Times" in securing a jury of "suitable" men. There is no prejudice, no injustice, no tyranny greater than that of the proud journal which will not be shown that it has been fooled.

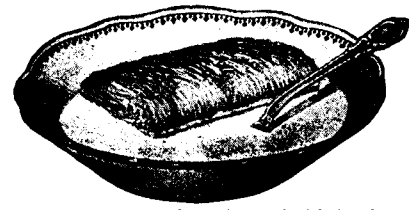
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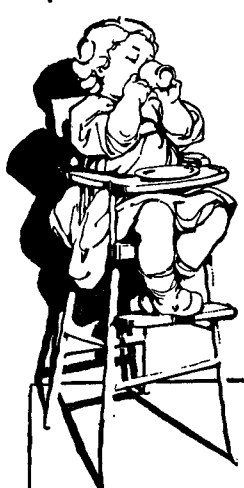
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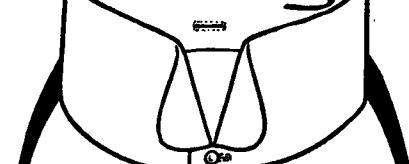
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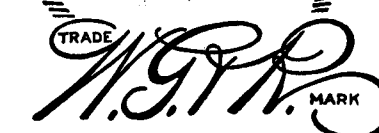
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KNOX COLLEGE
 Not in many years has Knox College seen such great excitement. A few enthusiasts are strenuously endeavouring to introduce the party system into the Literary Society. The spirit of orthodoxy has so taken possession of others that they are determined to squelch these so-called progressivists—they wish to abide by the old system. There are others again who feel convinced that certain reforms are needed in the Society—yet they are opposed to the measure of responsible government that the first party ("Protestant") is seeking to introduce. The election will be held March 5, and until that date even a conjecture, as to which party will be victorious, is out of place. All those desiring a field under the Knox College students' Missionary Society will kindly confer with H. W. Lyons, B.A., Knox College, immediately, as no one can be assured of a field after this week.

FACULTY OF FORESTRY
 Dr. Watt's lecture on "First Aid" was given on Tuesday afternoon last week, Wednesday being a holiday. This week it will be delivered at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, as usual. Spring Camp this year will be held in Haliburton County, and will begin on May the first. The work will be to prepare maps and working plans, for a township of waste lands, mostly cut and burned over. It will be over in time to allow the men who are going West, under the Forestry Branch, to get away in time. This affects only III and IV Years. Among recent contributions to man's knowledge of Natural History, should be noted a paper by Mr. F. McVickar, III Yr. Forestry, which appeared in the New York Sun. The material was entirely new, and the writer's style masterly. The manner in which students of this Faculty excel in the very wide range of activities to which they devote their energies from time to time augurs well for the future of our own profession when it is finally placed in their hands.

APPLIED SCIENCE
 Photographs of the model of the Quebec Bridge can be obtained at the supply department. There are views of it from different position and some of the pictures are very good indeed. A. J. Huff, 4th Year, is back with us again. Huff has been ill since the beginning of the term and we are glad to see him around again. A crowded lecture hall greets Professor Chant in Astronomy every week. His discourses on the moon's fancies, full and otherwise, showing "My Beautiful Lady," and "The Sea of Affinity," have proven quite an attraction to the Spohs. Prof. Anderson—A liquid has size, but no shape. Can any one give an example? Student—I am afraid to mention her name. (Discovered later to be Ethyl Alcohol).

VICTORIA COLLEGE
 The February issue of the Acta was distributed Friday morning. It is a very creditable production. "Some Aspects of Settlement Work in London" and "How Best Can Canada Promote International Peace?" by C. B. Sissons and John D. Robins respectively are very interesting articles. The Locals will also interest various people. Friday afternoon saw the conclusion of a most interesting and exciting inter-year hockey series. The Sophs, having spanked the Freshmen and trounced the Theologues met the juniors who had dragged the seniors around the ice. Result an exciting game. Very little combination was shown. The juniors having a little superiority in this line. The Sophs. were much better in rushing and shooting. The Victoria College Glee Club will provide the musical part of the program which will be rendered in High Park Avenue Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, February 27. This will be the final concert in which the Glee Club will participate this year and the only one given by them in the city. From a musical standpoint the concerts furnished by the Clubs of 1911-12 have been of very high merit.

WATER POLO
 The Varsity water-polo and swimming teams had a very successful trip to O.A.C. The former won out 6-5 and the latter 18-16.

Correspondence—Continued
 To the Editor of The Varsity:
 Sir,
 Varsity students will wonder how it is that three Canadian champions are on the McGill swimming team. Some might be led to suspect that the swimming team went out and enticed these men into the University, but the truth is, that the city of Montreal is away ahead of Toronto from a swimming standpoint. This fact can be best understood when we look at the immense superiority of the M.A.A.A. as compared with the T.A.A.C. In Montreal the club has a swimming pool and the young men are trained in speed swimming, where as very few of the members of the T.A.A.C. can swim at all and the same is true of the T.C.C.; the Argonaut R.C.; the Parkdale C.C. While even the Toronto Swimming Club has no real swimmer and thus the high schools and other feeders of this university are absolutely without knowledge of scientific swimming. This is rather direct language, but does anyone know of a single swimmer who ever came to Toronto University? Very few of the boys that have played water polo ever saw a water polo ball before they entered the gym. swimming pool. Then the Lawrentian Baths have been a great help to the youth of Montreal, whereas speed and scientific swimming is suppressed and not encouraged at the Harrison Baths. The four active swimming clubs at Montreal keep up a healthy interest in this branch of sport. But the future looks bright as three Y.M.C.A.'s besides the University are building large and commodious pools where there will be plenty of room for spectators and then the art of swimming will no longer be smothered as in the past.
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To the Editor of The Varsity:
 Sir,
 What is taste? Surely it is the ability to select as objects of our admiration, the good and the beautiful in the works of nature and man from amongst that which is base or ugly. The artist, whether of the brush or the pen, must first use his taste in choosing a subject worthy of his skill. Then he must develop his theme, infusing into it as it grows, his whole personality. Mere excellence of technique is not enough. He must make those who come after him see the subject through his eyes. If his eyes are clear and his ideals high; his work stirs a chord of sympathy and admiration in us—if we too have taste. Then and only then, is it a work of true art. Even though it be a very model of technical excellence, if it lacks these qualities it lacks taste, and can serve no other purpose than a text. Taste in choosing what we will read and what we will use to adorn our walls with, calls for these same qualities. With most of us the time and space for this is very limited. Should we not then read those books and buy those pictures, that will afford us the greatest uplift?
 Surely the student of Sociology is not to be called tasteless if he reads those graphic and inspiring stories of the everyday life of everyday people, at the expense of the old classics. Surely O'Henry's little stories will help him far more, to understand his poverty stricken and unlearned fellows, to comprehend intelligently their joys and sorrows and to see their nobility of character, so often concealed and even in danger of being crushed out by the load of privation and the darkness of ignorance. Surely too, the Forester should not have to risk being called tasteless if he prefers to decorate his room with pictures, even if they are mere photographic enlargements, representing the beauties of nature as he knows her, instead of prints of the masters of a past age, with whose viewpoint he has not time to become properly acquainted. Is it not better for him to train his eye to appreciate the many beauties which he can see in his daily life, than to acquire a slight understanding of those which are beyond his reach a greater part of the time?
 F. McV.

To the Editor of The Varsity:
 Dear Sir,
 While in conversation with, and listening to Dr. Frederick Cook recently, I was impressed with his modest simplicity of manner, and was fully convinced of his honesty, and genuineness. I believe his story implicitly.
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