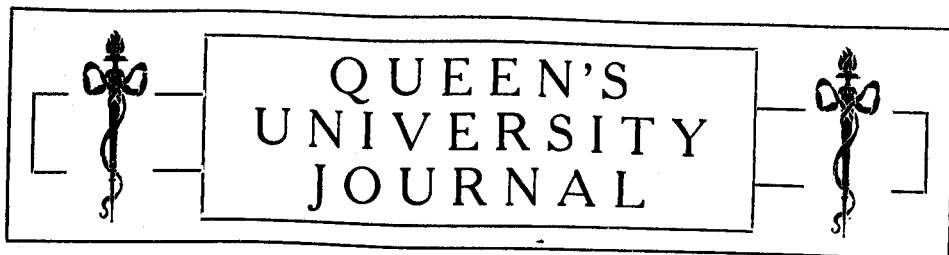




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Peregrine Preachers or Practical Experiences in New Ontario.

CERTAINLY no place in the Dominion has held the public eye more closely nor more avidously during the past season, than the great silver region of Lake Temiskamingue and even to-day the Cobalt craze shows little signs of abating.

It is quite needless to say Queen's was well to the fore in the Northern Eldorado and probably not far from 'on top' in the rush. While Science Hall of course showed up strong in prospecting and fairly prosperous too in 'finds,' it would be unfair to overlook the part played by the faithful five from Queen's Divinity Hall.

Starting at the most southerly point, Latchford, on the majestic Montreal River, R. M. Stevenson, B.A., all summer long 'unfurled the blue banner of the cause.'

From the railway, you might see the little tabernacle with its necessary sign "Presbyterian Church," and down by the river all secluded in the spruce woods is the little manse. Built by our missionary himself, it measures 12 ft. x 12 ft., but willing hands have volunteered for work on its extension, upon the first demand for more 'floor-space' and certainly we too must help, when the time comes, we who have shared its owner's batching joys and ready hospitality. Already we have often lent a hand in matters culinary, on the little tin stove supported by four empty fruit cans. Here we first learnt how much the art and economy of batching in this North land, is simplified by the use of canned fruit and vegetables. *Nota bene*—The neat little pile of empty cans beside the manse at Latchford.

Nine miles north of Latchford you come to Cobalt, the Silver City of tar-paper shacks and Regal beer saloons all thronged with seekers of the silver-cobalt. Here M. A. Lindsay is sky pilot. Right in the centre of the town is the large Presbyterian Church tent, sometimes mistaken for a circus, at other times for a merry-go-round. Almost any morning you might find the kirk-man at his desk upon the platform—it may be deep in his recent notes on Apologetics, seeking perhaps some practical corrective for the mighty *Erdgeist* of materialism which holds strong sway in Cobalt camp.

Only now one begins to realize the folly of classes 'sloped,' when face to face with the every day problems of this calcite craze. What a nemesis, neglect calls down upon us now. No, never more will that lecture on 'exorcism'

turn up, although it might reveal some practical solution to our last perplexity,—‘How the demon of disruption got into the Ladies’ Aid,

If you cared to ask the man at Cobalt, you might hear quite interesting details of the work among the crowd of mining men. You might hear how ‘Jerry from Kerry’ stole the church organ. It was late one night a few weeks since, our missionary returned to the canvas manse in the corner of the big tent, to find the organ gone. Next morning early, in its quest he sallied out, and after some inquiries found the missing property in the Opera House. It had been pressed into the service of a touring company which had played the previous evening to a delighted audience. In less time than it takes to tell, the air grew warm—the police and magistrate were interviewed with small practical satisfaction, so by a mutual understanding the sum of \$10 was deposited in the coffers of the Kirk and the organ restored to its proper sanctuary.

Or you might hear—why, almost anything at Cobalt. Here in our writing we are rudely interrupted by the vulgar notes of some hoarse thirsty throat in the darkness without our tent ‘How dry I am, How dry I am, — only knows how dry I am.’ Well we believe you, unseen friends; yours is the rude sentiment of Cobalt, this thirsty temperance town. Water, bad and scarce,—Regal beer just now forbidden by reason of an infringement of the liquor act, whereby ‘Regal’ had been inverted into ‘Lager’ with 6 per cent. of alcohol, and truly Cobalt is a dry, dry town despite Laurentian water at 40 cents per half gallon.

A pathetic little story comes from a nearby town where they have a license. The wee bairn of the hotel was very ill indeed. Little hope was entertained of its recovery and all went softly in that home. The bar was closed and the minister was called in to christen the helpless little mortal. Surely enough, there was a reviving—but only for a week or two and then to pass away from all this sphere of cares. The grief of all was very real—the bar was closed again—and a sorrowing little cortege followed to the grave. As we turned homewards, our path lay hard by the hotel, where we found sitting on the shady side a melancholy looking man who removed a chew of tobacco from his cheek to ask us, “Say, mister, when can I get a drink?”

Although we lacked authority, we took upon ourselves to say that no drinks would be sold that day. ‘It was baby’s funeral.’

At Haileybury, 5 miles further north, Rev. J. A. Donnell, M.A., is the minister, admonishing the public conscience by the shore of Lake Temiskamingue and woe betide the tradition-bound soul who chances to fall foul of J. A. D’s ‘facts incontrovertible.’ And our Kirk-man here has found much encouragement in his work. His first wedding was a decided ‘uplift.’ The minister was on the tennis court when Benedict called him aside, in faltering tones—“I say, sir, could you marry me?” “Why, yes,” says J. A. D. with that reassuring smile, “that’s a simple matter”—simple—ye gods we should say and yet complex enough withal, to judge by all this din of hammers on the new manse now in construction.) “But have you the

license?" Benedict had not, so must hasten to the notary's on Main Street while J. A. D. mounts his wheel and speeds home for the Book of Forms. Without delay parson and groom and bride meet in a house adjoining—the knot is tied and then the fee and all in half an hour; the happy couple boards the S. S. *Meteor* for the sunny south.

The far northern outpost in this missionary constituency is Tomstown, some 30 miles north of New Liskeard on the steep clayey banks of the White River. Here Wm. M. Hay, B.A. tends to his little flock and takes the oversight thereof, lost almost to the ken of the busy world, save for the daily visits of the little steamer *Geisha*.

The work of our man in the far north was largely among men employed on the railway construction and a most interesting frontier congregation would muster in the little log church on the hill, surrounded by the virgin forest.

But already we have taken more space than such a rambling account deserves. Had we been less lengthy we would certainly refer to the splendid work done by Rev. F. E. Pitts, B.A., of New Liskeard. For eight years alone in these hitherto unsurveyed woods of the north, Mr. Pitts has watched his congregation grow from meagre missionary beginnings, until gradually it has assumed its present strength with what is probably the finest church building in New Ontario.—*M. A. F. L.* '04.

The Pine Grosbeak.

THESE visitors from the north, the Pine Grosbeaks, have been with us for some time and have been seen by many people, some of whom have been puzzled as to what sort of bird it is that they have seen while others have dismissed the question briefly by saying "they're Robins." This bird is in fact responsible for most of the "Robin in winter" stories which one sees in the newspapers and also for many of the predictions of early spring based on the supposed appearance of Robins.



THE PINE GROSBEEK.

The Pine Grosbeak is a heavily-built bird about 8½ inches long with a short stout bill. On the adult male the crown, neck, throat, breast, sides, and rump are carmine red, the back, wings, tail, and abdomen grayish. In the young male the crown and wings vary from yellow-ochre to reddish-orange, the rest of the plumage being grayish. The females have the crown and rump varying from dull olive-yellow to yellow-ochre, while the rest of the plumage is grayish. In both sexes the wings have two white bars. The only winter

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birds which might be mistaken for Pine Grosbeaks are the two species of Crossbills, the American and the White-winged, but these birds have, as their name implies, the mandibles of the bill crossed and both species are only about 6 inches in length. The Pine Grosbeak breeds in New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Labrador and other northerly portions of Canada, as far north as the limit of trees. The nest is usually placed in conifers and is composed exteriorly of twigs and rootlets, interiorly of dry grass. The eggs are usually four in number, greenish-blue, spotted with dark-brown, drab and pale lavender.

In the winter this species comes far south of its breeding-range. Like most of our winter birds its visits to a given locality are irregular, it may appear during several successive winters and then be absent for several years, but on the average in Ontario it appears during alternate winters. Sometimes a flock or two are observed in the fall and perhaps again in the spring at a certain place and that is all that is seen of them; at other times they remain throughout the winter as they did at Guelph in 1903-04, when they arrived on November 5th and were common until March 24th.

This year they arrived in Kingston about Nov. 1st and have been seen in flocks of 8 to 30, feeding on the fruit of the Mountain Ash trees, the two trees opposite the Post Office being their favorite lunch-counters.

During the breeding season the Pine Grosbeak feeds largely upon the seeds of the Spruce. While on its winter sojourn with us it feeds on the buds of the Maple, Elm, Larch, Spruce, Cedar, and Pine, the fruit of the Mountain Ash, seeds of apples which may still be hanging on the trees, the fruits of the Ragweed, Water Smart-weed (*P. hydropiper*), and Blueweed, and the seeds of the Nightshade (*S. dulcamara*). Usually the winter trips of the Pine Grosbeak extends only as far south as southern New England and Ohio, but occasionally they reach the District of Columbia and Kansas.

As they are with us only in the winter and early spring we do not hear their song in its full power, we hear only the low, sweet, warbling prelude of what becomes in their northern breeding-ground a rich clear song.

Coming as they do from the far north, where they are not molested by the pseudo-sportsman who must "kill something" or by the small boy with the .22 cal. rifle, these interesting birds are very tame and give one an excellent opportunity for a study of bird-life at close range.—A. B. K. '09.

The New Degrees in Pedagogy.

QUEEN'S is to be commended on establishing a Department of Pedagogy. This step is taken at an opportune time, for no one knows what will be the final policy of the Education Department. The removal of the Ontario Normal College from Hamilton will not simplify but rather complicate matters as far as professional training of teachers is concerned. Accordingly Queen's will be in a position to meet the new conditions that are involved, whatever the issue may be. But the purpose of this article is not to discuss the Educational policy but to comment on the value of degrees in Pedagogy.

What is the market value of a B. Paed. or a D. Paed? For some unaccountable reason the members of the teaching profession hold in slight esteem a degree in Pedagogy. This may be of a piece with the general feeling that Normal College training, no matter where obtained, is something that must be taken, but which might be omitted without any serious loss to the teacher. This feeling was especially directed towards the strictly professional work—Psychology, History of Education, Science of Education. It was maintained that all this “stuff” was of no use in actual teaching, and that the teacher was born not made. Of course, experience proves the falsity of both of these contentions—though some people could never be *made* teachers. This, however, is the very “stuff” that is prescribed for these degrees—B. Paed, and D. Paed—can we wonder, then, at the indifference displayed by teachers? What is the matter? Toronto has had the course established since 1897 and yet all the holders of degrees will scarcely number a round dozen. One reason assigned was the amount of the fees,—too much money. There may be various reasons for the profession's indifference to degrees in Pedagogy, but, in my opinion, the cause lies in the total ignorance among High School Boards of what these degrees are. They are a new thing—a new-fangled degree! They can appraise a B.A. or an M.A. but a B. Paed! What is *he*? What new knowledge does he bring? In fact, the degrees are of no value in the school market—they are as olives to one who has tasted them for the first time—not palatable.

There may be a very mercenary motive, and yet a pardonable one, in teachers seeking degrees that will pay. For is it not the worst paid profession? If degrees in Pedagogy are to win any vogue, a great awakening must take place. And yet if a B.A. is considered worth more to a school than a First C., why is a B. Paed. not worth more than an O. N. C. graduate? The answer is “A teacher is not asked to teach Psychology, History of Education, &c., the subjects he is examined in for a B. Paed; but Latin, English, Science, &c., the subjects he must be proficient in to secure his B.A.” Therefore, on this argument the fit and proper place for the B. Paed. and D. Paed. men is in the Professional Schools—in the Normal Schools, in the new training institutions, whatever they may be. Let us see, then, if in a new appointments to these schools, the Government or the Universities will honor these “Degrees in Pedagogy.”

In conclusion it must be admitted that it takes more than a mere degree to qualify a man for a position, and that the course is highly beneficial to the man who reads the work even if it never increase his salary.

P. F. Munro, '98.

The Tramp.

(WHAT HE THINKS, SOMETIMES.)

You'll find us in the city,

You'll find us in the town,

You'll find us o'er the country-side,

A tramping up and down:
 We're here, we're there, we're everywhere—
 We're numerous, you'll own.

We're beaten in life's battle,
 We're distanced in life's race;
 We're driven off the battlefield,—
 We couldn't hold the pace.
 The world it loves not beaten men—
 From us it turns, its face.

Time was we faced the future,
 With heart and brain, and power;
 But subtle tempters subtly wrought
 And tempted us right sore:—
 And so we fell—and fell—and fell—
 And fell to rise no more.

Now Life looks all hap-hazard
 To our poor mortal ken:
 The best and worst of gifts are to
 The worst and best of men;
 And Heaven is a long way off,
 And Earth is here; and then,—

All men are rogues and liars,
 And nearly all are fools:
 The most accomplished liar and
 The strongest scoundrel rules
 The ordinary mortals, who
 Are ordinary fools!

Your honest man suspects us,
 And probably he's right;
 Your decent folk despise us,
 And think us black as night;
 Your pious Pharisees abhor
 Us all with all their might.

Real Men and Women pity us—
 (The worst to bear, by far:
 We don't mind those that hate us,
 Suspect, despise, abhor)—
 But no one understands us,
 Nor what we really are,—

The vanguard of THE ARMY:—
 When comes the fatal day,
 By city slum and country road
 We'll marshal our array—
 Your towns and towers, your city's pride
 In shock shall pass away.

We'll lay wide waste your country-side,
 We'll burn your cherished town—
 We'll end the time when mortal man
 Doth fear his brother's frown:—
 We'll start a time when none are Up
 And none in life are Down.—*F. B. H.*

To the Editor:

During recent weeks my attention has been drawn several times to the fact that quite a large number of the students, especially the men, are neglecting the University regulations regarding the wearing of gowns at classes and other college meetings.

Why is this? Is there any reason why this regulation should be ignored by the students more than any other? Queen's students are, I am sure, not overburdened with a multiplicity of regulations governing their behaviour both in and out of college, as are those of many other universities. The majority of our students are capable of conducting themselves properly without the aid of a code of minute rules, and for the benefit of the few who do not, there exist organizations whose end it is to impart the lacking knowledge. Then why do not the students and the said organizations pay due respect to those regulations we have?

It would surely be a mistake to allow the ancient custom of gown-wearing to become extinct. "Has it not stood since the time of the flood" or at least from the inception of academic institutions? Does it not lend an academic air to a college, helping to make the life there more significant in a way, more peculiarly academic? I think that it is to quite an extent through this atmosphere of a college, that we become attached to it. Is not the attachment we have for college buildings and for college customs a very important element in our *loyalty* to the college? I think the answer is yes. For instance, suppose we removed the University of Oxford to some other town with only ordinary twentieth century buildings, and at the same time abolished the custom of wearing academic clothing, along with a few of her customs of long standing, and what should we have left? A mere every day university. The Oxford life would have lost half its significance and half its attraction.

Mr. Editor, I think the matter is one that should not be ignored; the custom is a significant one, a time-honoured one, and one that is strongly approved by the authorities of this University, and hence it should be respected and perpetuated by the students of to-day.—*Senior.*

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Editorials.

A KICK.

THE Journal resents the fact that it received no invitations to the dinners given by the Science and Medical faculties. We do not know the reasons which induced these bodies to ignore it, but they seem to indicate a deplorable lack of appreciation of the Journal as a factor in college life. We believe that the Journal is too important a part of this University to merit a slight of this kind. We cannot understand the reasoning in this matter of those students who are willing that a distinctly sectarian publication receive invitations, and are willing that their own college paper receive intentional disrespect. It is only in view of the fact that many of the students in both faculties voted against the action taken, that the dinners have not met, in these columns, the silence they deserve. We wonder if the man who borrowed from the Journal a cut to decorate the menu-card was one of those who voted against inviting the Journal to the dinner?

OUR ADVERTISERS.

In the University of Edinburgh *Student*, we find this:—"We are publishing in this and in future issues a classified list of our advertisers and would ask our readers not only to patronize these firms, but to tell them why they do so. Moreover, it is the bounden duty of every student to lay this matter clearly before every firm with which he or she may at present have business dealing, and to let them understand that if they desire a furtherance of their custom, they must in turn support the magazine in which they as students are financially interested and with which they are inseparably connected."

We make the same appeal to the readers of our Journal. We have been publishing in each issue a classified list of our advertisers, for the convenience of the students and to the advantage of the merchants. Perhaps the student body does not sufficiently recognize the Journal's dependence upon its advertisements; without them, its publication would be impossible. It is only fair and reasonable that those firms which advertise in our pages should have

a preferential claim upon the patronage of the students. If the students would make it clear to the merchant that he is receiving their patronage because he advertises in the college paper, the Business Manager could approach him with more assurance and meet with a fuller measure of success in his canvass.

SCHOOL INSPECTING IN THE WEST.

Mr. N. F. Black, M.A., '05, who is at present Inspector of Schools in and around Regina, spent a couple of days in town a week ago, and gave us some details of his work there. His inspectoral work covers a territory of eight or ten thousand square miles, with Regina as headquarters and chief town. Within this territory, there are about 200 pedagogs.

An important phase of his duties is that of illustrating to teachers the methods that should be followed in teaching English to children coming to school without any knowledge of that language. During the past few months, he tells that he has given introductory lessons in English to classes of this sort whose ordinary intercourse is conducted in French, German, Hungarian, Roumanian, Cree, Yiddish, Norwegian, and other tongues. This work seems to be very interesting and the results obtained amazingly rapid and satisfactory. In a very few months after his introduction to a Saskatchewan school, the little foreigner is in a position to receive his instruction in the various branches, according to the methods ordinarily followed in handling Canadian children.

Mr. Black is much impressed with the unwisdom of the Canadian policy hitherto followed in the encouragement given to the massing of foreign settlers in colonies. In spite of the obstacles to assimilation inseparable from the colony system, these newcomers are rapidly developing into valuable Canadian citizens. Any sweeping and derogatory criticism of the foreigners in the West is the product either of ignorance or of prejudice. The immigrants are very anxious to be recognized as Canadians and Britishers. A mechanic had a foreigner as his helper, and one day was teasing him on the matter of his nationality. His answer was, "me no Doukhobor; me am Englishman." Wherever he goes, he finds them discussing among themselves the manifold privileges they are enjoying under Canadian institutions, and contrasting them with the hardships they and their fellows have suffered in the lands whence they have come. Everywhere, there is to be observed as characteristic a keen interest in obtaining for the children at least the elements of an English education, and in many districts the self-sacrifice of the parents to this end are nothing short of heroic.

Owing to the yet sparse settlement of the West, schools are sometimes very far apart. Mr. Black speaks of driving 45 miles from one school to the next on a certain occasion, and evidently long drives are by no means a novelty to him, for since August he has done over 1,700 miles on inspectoral work, almost exclusively by buggy. These lengthy tours have given him considerable opportunity to observe the development of the newer districts

and the general prosperity and productiveness of the country. He says that this fall he passed scarcely a farm with a poor crop on it.

Mr. Black met with a considerable number of Queen's students engaged in teaching and other occupations in the West, and there exist some flourishing Alumni associations. A general provincial association has been very recently organized, with Mr. Fenwick, formerly of Kingston, as President; and an interesting programme of activity is being inaugurated.

Mr. Black regrets that owing to the extreme shortness of his stay in town, he has been unable to meet many of his old friends. They and we most cordially hope that his future visits to Kingston may be of longer duration.

Editorial Notes.

IN the last issue appeared a review of the supplement to the Quarterly; this supplement aims to give some information as to the growth, character, and hopes of Queen's, and it will be widely used in the interests of the Endowment Fund. A large number have been left with the Registrar, from whom the students may secure copies. It is suggested that the students leave with the Registrar the names and addresses of any persons to whom this supplement would be of interest, particularly of those contemplating a college course, and copies will be sent them.

The Rev. Robt. Laird, Financial Agent of the Endowment Fund, having spent the Christmas holidays in Kingston, left last week for Ottawa. On the 13th, he preached in Carleton Place, and from there he went to Montreal, where he will remain probably till the end of February, when he goes to Toronto.

The financial report of the A. M. S. for the past year was presented at the annual meeting, and shows a balance on hand of \$580.33.

At its last meeting in 1906, the Alma Mater Society presented Mr. John Burton, the caretaker of Divinity Hall, with a purse of \$50 in gold, in token of the many kindnesses which the boys have received at his hands, and of his unflinching patience and good-humour. Mr. Burton wishes, through the Journal, to thank the Society for the remembrance.

Mr. A. M. Bothwell, M.A., '05, Rhodes Scholar, writes us: "You will be glad to know that Cameron (he means A. G. Cameron, '06, also a Rhodes Scholar) has already added two cups to his collection. He was first in throwing the hammer in the Freshman's sports, and his chance of getting his Blue before he goes down is very good. His boat, too, won out in the Balliol Morrison Fours, which means another cup. He will likely row in the Balliol Togger Eights, from which are selected the Balliol Crew for the bumping business next term. It is essential to take exercise here on account

of the atmosphere and to combat the tendency to loaf, which is very strong, I assure you. I have been playing lacrosse, so far managing to retain my place in the Varsity team, for which I played in the first match and in every match since." Mr. Bothwell is enrolled in Trinity College.

We regret to state that several errors, grammatical and typographical, are to be found in the story entitled *Il faut qu'une porte soit ouverte ou fermée*, which appeared in the last issue. Ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν. We had very little time at our disposal; the typesetter is not a polymath; and we didn't give Prof. C-mpb-ll a chance (till it was too late) to draw weird marks on the proof-sheets—with red ink and a very broad stub pen.

Ladies.

ONCE more the mid-night bells have pealed the passing of the old, and the incoming of the new year; and again the pen of the recording angel has been kept busy with new year's resolutions. For college girls he has doubtless had to record the one almost universal resolve, "More work and less play." Things do seem more serious now that we are actually on the "homestretch" of the session, and April looms up before us, near, ominously near. We begin to think regretfully of the time wasted in the fall term, and count up grudgingly the hours given to committee work. For the weeks to come we are tempted to plan only work, work, and again, work. But let us remember that this side also can be overdone, and that for the clear, active mind which is necessary for satisfactory work, two things are essential, namely, plenty of exercise and plenty of sleep. To burn the candle at both ends is almost bound to result in a befuddled, sluggish brain, or in an unstrung nervous state, and is possibly as much the cause of failure at examinations as lack of preparation. It is most unwise, in our zeal, (or desperation,) to allow our work to encroach on the hours which should be given to sleep; and it should be an inviolable rule to have some kind of exercise, whether it be walking, skating, or gymnasium work, each day. Only under such conditions may we hope to do our best work.

There seems to be a serious misunderstanding in the minds of some of the students with regard to the purpose of the Red Room. To those who have, apparently, been misinformed on the subject, or who have failed to see the notices prohibiting talking, we would suggest that the Consulting Library was not intended for a social club room, but a room for quiet study and reference work. Study, however, is impossible for the majority of students, with an indistinct buzz of conversation and the sound of half-suppressed laughter in the room. With regret we have to say that the most frequent offenders in this respect are girls, which is all the more inexcusable because they have the privileges of the Levana Room, where they are at liberty to talk and laugh if they so please. It is, of course, due to thoughtlessness in

the most of cases, and requires only to have the attention of the students drawn to it to have the annoyance cease. But to those who find it impossible to study for an hour without frequent intervals of conversation, we would recommend that they repair to the Levana Room or to a vacant class room, and allow those who really wish to work do so in peace in the Red Room.

The last meeting of the Y. W. C. A. before the holidays was a purely business meeting, at which reports were received from the different conveners, covering the work of the various committees during the Fall term. (The temporary report from the Silver Bay Committee, concerning the calendars and the Y. W. Sale, was a most gratifying one, showing substantial returns. The success of the sale was due to the splendid way in which many of the girls worked, and more particularly, to the tireless energy of Miss Greene, the convener in charge. The balance on hand at present will be increased by the proceeds from the banners made to order. Miss Poole, who had charge of this work, now has many of the banners ready for those who gave the orders.

The thanks of the committee are due Miss Dunlop, of the College Post Office, and Mr. Uglow, who kindly assisted in the sale of the calendars, all of which were disposed of before Christmas.

We are glad to welcome back to college a number of the old girls who were not in for the Fall term. To the Freshettes, too, who have just come in, we extend greetings, and hope that, although they have missed the pleasant and profitable experiences of the Freshettes' and Freshman's Receptions, they may soon find their way into the college life and spirit.

Principal Gordon has resumed his Bible Study Class with the girls; the course of study will this year be the Gospel of St. John. Arrangements have been made to shorten the hour of the Y. W. C. A. meetings, and to hold the Bible Study Class at half past four on Friday afternoons. In undertaking this class, Dr. Gordon is assuming a great deal of extra work, and the best way by which the girls can show their appreciation of his kindness, is to attend in large numbers, and individually undertake the study. The work is not only profitable but keenly interesting.

Arts.

IT was with much pleasure indeed that the members of the Political Science Club, and their friends listened to the very instructive address by Hon. Sidney A. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture. The subject he chose, was the one with which he is most familiar, agriculture. He dealt with it from the economic standpoint of the nation.

He first dealt with the kinds of agriculture carried on in the Dominion. Extensive lands stretching from Atlantic to the Pacific permit of a great variety

of agriculture. He gave some interesting figures to show, in a very striking manner, the eminent preponderance of the agricultural industry, in the way of bringing wealth into the country, over the other important industries, such as mining, fishing, etc.

Another set of figures, again showed in a most astonishing way, the great importance of the butter-making part of farming, which was the chief feature of Ontario farming. Of all products taken from the farm, butter took far less out of the fertility of the soil and in consequence, brought in ultimately more profit to the country.

"We are exhausting, and have been exhausting the fertility in our natural resources" he said. Our great resources have been, are yet being shamefully wasted by the farmers of Canada. Trees have been cut down, and forests swept away without thought of the future; many people even, in the north-west, where the fertility of soil is boasted of, have found it necessary to fallow their lands, for one or two years in order to get a crop of wheat.

This waste is due to lack of foresight and knowledge in agriculture, and we can see how important it is to have a good training in this department of life, as well as any other. Young men are going from the farms, seeking relief from what they consider drudgery and wretched routine. But let the young man get his education and go back to the farm, and he will find it the most wholesome as well as the most honorable and remunerative work to be found.

But we must remember the farmer's success depends much on education, that is, true education. What we want in our elementary schools is good training of the mind and character, so that the pupil may become a good citizen; then the technical work may come afterwards. Let the man, who wishes to have abundant scope for his intelligence, go back to the farm with a good training. There he will find it, for intelligence is needed in the higher grades of farming. There are also many openings for agricultural teachers now.

In concluding we must not forget we are part of the empire, and the best way to build up the empire is to build up ourselves. Let us then develop what is most suitable to us, this great national industry of agriculture and we shall then be doing more for the strength and progress of the empire than by trying to add to its naval and military forces.

At the last year meeting of the Freshman Year it was again demonstrated that there are some promising debaters amongst the class of 1910. The programme consisted of a debate on the subject "Resolved that the capacity of the British people to-day is superior to that of the ancient Greeks." Messrs. Mackenzie and Macdonald eloquently and ably upheld the affirmative while Messrs. Copeland and Waterston, were their worthy opponents. The latter made a very earnest appeal for the Greeks to whom is due so much of our highest thought, art, and civilization; but it was in vain, to uphold such standards, when such improvements and progress had been made by the thoughtful and enterprising British people.

We would not wish to belittle, or discourage in the least, the debating spirit of the Freshmen, but we would say this, that, it would be better to choose a more debatable subject. We must remember, that the British, and the Greeks, are of different periods of civilization; and that their circumstances and standards are so widely apart that it is almost impossible to make any comparison at all. Of course, the affirmative won the debate; it could hardly be otherwise, on such a one-sided subject. While the debate was very enjoyable indeed, we felt that the subject was too much one-sided, to allow equal opportunity.

It seems that the study of Italian is taking a firm hold in Toronto University. Signor Guiseppe Garibaldi, secretary of the consulate of the Italian kingdom says there are now one hundred students taking Italian. A very good class is studying Italian at Queen's this year; at the beginning of the term, about thirty students gave in class cards to Professor Campbell who takes the subject up in a very interesting manner indeed. Several from outside the college are taking advantage of the class. Any student who applies to the registrar for a ticket may take this class free of charge.

At the last Conversazion E
 A youth, who was as bold as could B,
 Asked a girl for a spin,
 Which was a great sin,
 For she had never met him, U C.

 "Not dance? Then may I take you to T?
 For I want to be sociable by G."
 When the fair one replied,
 While gently she sighed;
 "O, my numbers are gone but 6 B."

 "O, thank you Miss D, that's all right for mE,
 Shall I meet you at rendezvous B?"
 But the poor youth he moped,
 For the maiden she sloped
 And so both of them were badly at C.

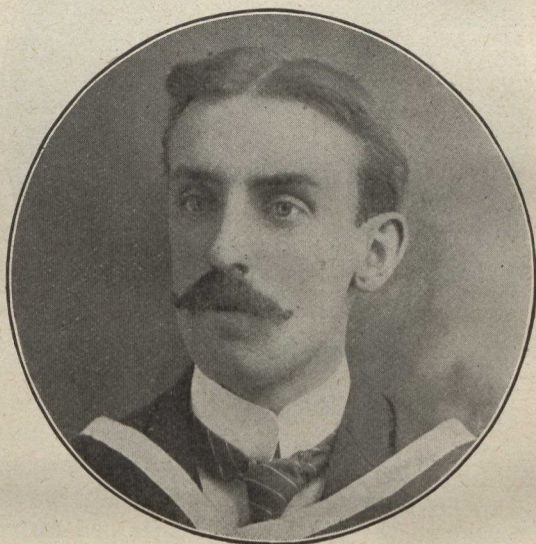
A very interesting debate was heard by the members of the Political Science Debating Club on Monday, Dec. 17th. The subject debated was "Resolved that the conversion of Queen's into a residence university would be in the best interests of the student body." The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. A. E. Boak, and S. D. Skene; the negative by Messrs. H. W. and N. S. Macdonell. The leader of the affirmative certainly showed in a very lucid manner, the real advantages of the residence system in a general way. Mr. Skene dealt very ably with the case in discussion by showing the decreased expense, the social advantages, the saving of time and worry by having a bright, warm, and convenient room in a residence.

The champions of the negative saw destruction in the least suggestion of converting Queen's into a residential college. They thought Queen's students would be put to larger expense, that they would lose in a social way, that they would weaken their independence, and that time and energy would be much dissipated, if the residential system were adopted.

The judges, Messrs. Allan, Wallace and Ramsay, decided in favor of the negative who stuck more closely to the subject than the affirmative. We congratulate both sides on their good debating. We would advise all debaters however to understand perfectly the wording of the subject before any serious preparation is made.

Medicine.

WE purpose from time to time to have cuts of the different professors in Medicine. We have taken the first two at hand and now present to you Dr. Teddy Etherington, King of the Anatomy Department, and Dr. W. T. Connell, secretary of the faculty, Professor of Pathology and Bacteriology.



Dr. W. T. Connell.

Some time ago we predicted that the Medical Dinner to be given by the Aesculapian Society of '06-'07 would surpass all previous events. It needs no other than the general expression of professors, guests, representatives and students to prove that this prediction has been fulfilled beyond all expectation.

The President, J. P. McNamara, acted as toastmaster of the evening. On his right sat M. Henri Bourassia, M.P., and on his left, Principal Gordon.

The President proposed the toast of "The King," and the company re-

sponded by singing the national anthem. Afterwards a solo, "Here's a Health to the King," by Arthur Craig, accompanied by R. Harvey, was very much enjoyed.

Prof. Shortt then proposed the toast, "Our Country," which brought such an able reply from the guest of the evening, Hon. Mr. Bourassa.

Mr. Bourassa arose amid loud cheers after singing of "The Maple Leaf," by the guests. In Prof. Shortt's own words, Mr. Bourassa is a "most brilliant representative of our country." In a speech full of vigor, eloquence, and finish, he kept the large assembly under his control and as a result the very best of order was maintained.

"Queen's and Her Faculties," was then proposed by C. Laidlaw, B.A., and responded to by Principal Gordon, Prof. Anderson, Prof. Clarke and Dr. Etherington, all of whom made happy responses.



Dr. Etherington.

Dr. Etherington took the Committee having the toast list in hand, to task, for having on this occasion coupled his name to the toast of "Queen's and Her Faculties," instead of to "The Ladies." He had responded to the latter toast at the banquet last year, and looked upon the change as rather an injustice. Needless to say the doctor's comment caused much amusement.

The toast to "Sister Universities," was proposed by R. Mills and replies came from H. Blanchard of McGill University; Mr. McLean, Toronto University; Mr. McDonald, Western University, London; and Mr. Roche, Laval University, Montreal. All the speakers extended the greetings from their respective universities and expressed themselves as being well pleased with their entertainment while guests of the Aesculapian Society.

R. A. Hughes sang the Faculty song, which was brimful of college hits. The next toast to be honored was that of "Our Guests," and it was pro-

posed by Prof. E. Ryan. The names coupled to this toast were Hon. G. P. Graham, Brockville; E. J. B. Pense; Mayor Mowat and D. M. McIntyre. Hon. Mr. Graham was unable to be present but forwarded his regrets. Before the speakers were called on the boys joined heartily in singing, "For They are Jolly Good Fellows."

"The Undergraduates" was proposed by Prof. J. C. Connell, and responded to by H. B. Longmore. "The Ladies" was proposed by Prof. W. G. Anglin and responded to by Prof. G. W. Mylks and A. D. McIntyre, M.D., all of whom made excellent little speeches and thus brought the function to an end.

Several features of this year's dinner are to be highly commended, especially that of holding it in Grant Hall, then the student's excellent order, and lastly, throwing the gallery open to the public, thereby giving the friends of the college an opportunity of enjoying the toasts, and of listening to the speakers of the evening.

The following have been successful in passing the examinations of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario:

Primary,—W. H. Ballantyne; W. M. Robb; B. C. Sutherland.

Intermediate,—A. C. Driscoll; A. E. Mahood; W. M. Robb.

Final Exam.,—A. C. Driscoll; J. A. Labrosse, A. E. Mahood; J. J. Robb; F. R. W. Warren.

Dr. L. Playfair paid the city a flying visit during Xmas vacation.

Dr. Cockburn, '06, is convalescing in St. Luke's Hospital, Ottawa.

Wellwood, '08, is in Toronto General Hospital with typhoid.

Dr. Palmer is supplying for Dr. G. Sutherland in the K. G. H.

Science.

THE DINNER.

THE Engineering Society's Tenth Annual Dinner was held Monday, Dec. 17th, not in the City Hall as formerly, but in Grant Hall which proved to be an ideal place for such a function. The Dinner itself was voted the most successful to date.

The menu was good, the dinner served *hot*, and the after dinner speeches of a high order. This year the Society sent invitations to the entire Board of Governors, and was fortunate in having among its guests two eminent men to respond to the toast, "The Engineering Profession." One of these was Mr. C. R. Coutlee of the Public Works Department, Ottawa, and Chief Engineer of the Georgian Bay Ship Canal. The other was Captain Wm. Leslie of Kingston, a gentleman very much in the public eye recently as 'the real man who floated the Bavarian off Wye Rock.' This is the way it was put by one of the many speakers who made mention of the man behind this very difficult piece of engineering work in the marine line.

Throughout the dinner, exceptionally good music was rendered by the Opera House Orchestra; and between speeches the evening was enlivened by songs and violin selections. Mr. J. L. King, President of the Engineering Society performed his duties as chairman and toastmaster in a very creditable manner. For the benefit of those students who were privileged to attend, yet failed to take advantage of the opportunity, we give the toast list of the evening that they may see what an excellent mental bill of fare they missed.

The King, proposed by Prof. Shortt, and replied to by Lt.-Col. Taylor, Commander of R. M. C.; Song—"The Maple Leaf." E. J. B. Pense, M.P.P.; J. McDonald Mowat. Song—"There's a Land"—A. Beecroft.

The Faculty, proposed by G. R. McLaren, replied to by Dean Dupuis and Dr. Goodwin. Faculty Song—W. R. Rogers.

The Profession, proposed by Prof. L. W. Gill, replied to by C. R. Coutlee, and Capt. Leslie. Violin Solo—A. Findlay.

The University, proposed by D. M. McIntyre, replied to by Principal Gordon.

Sister Institutions, proposed by W. R. Rogers, replied to by Representative Kinghorn, S. P. S.

A most enjoyable evening and one long to be remembered was fittingly brought to a close by singing Auld Lang Syne.

EXTENSION OF QUEEN'S ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Reference has already been made in these columns to the proposed extension of the Engineering Society. Recently a committee was appointed to devise ways and means of carrying out the scheme. This committee has met several times, and considerable work in the matter has been done. First, it was decided that a circular letter, embodying our idea as to the need of such an extension, should be sent out to all graduates. This letter has been prepared. Next it was decided to draft a tentative constitution. Here some difficulty arose, when it was found that the needs of the undergraduates and graduates could not be well met or their interests served by a single society. The committee arrived at this conclusion after much consideration.

The proposition now is to have two societies, an undergraduate—one carried on much as at present, but with the elimination of technical papers, and an Engineering Society including all graduates and undergraduates as members. This latter society would have regular meetings during the college year at which papers on engineering subjects would be presented by students, graduates, and professors. There are to be social features as well, including the annual meeting which will be in the nature of a reunion for graduates.

A permanent secretary (one of the School of Mining professors resident in Kingston) will conduct an Employment Bureau for members—a very important department of the Society's work. In this connection it may be said further that a complete professional record will be kept of every graduate and alumnus so when applications for men come in, the names of those best qualified by experience to undertake the particular work required may be

readily looked up. Every effort is being put forth to establish the Society this term. More anon.

We are pleased to see W. R. Hambly around again after his long siege of fever, and forced stay at the Kingston General Hospital.

R. L. Squire, '04, and C. W. Baker, '05, have been spending the holidays at their homes in the city. Both are climbing the professional ladder, and incidentally honouring their Alma Mater. The first mentioned has been Resident Engineer at the power plant being constructed to supply the town of Pembroke with electrical energy. The latter expects to go to Hamilton shortly as expert instrumentman with the Canadian Westinghouse Co.

ANOTHER PRIZE?

The following communication has been received by the Secretary of the School of Mining:

Dear Sir,—We take much pleasure in herewith offering for your students \$25.00 for the best thesis on a mechanical or engineering subject, as submitted by the students in their college course. The terms upon which the prize is offered as follows: First, that the prize be awarded for the thesis judged to be best by a committee of your own professors and the writer or a representative of this paper. Second, the prize is to be given in the name of the McLean Publishing Co., publishers of *Canadian Machinery and Manufacturing News*. Third, all theses submitted in this competition to become the property of the McLean Publishing Co. Hoping this prize may act as a stimulus to the students in preparing their theses, with kind regards we beg to remain, Yours very truly,

Canadian Machinery and Manufacturing News,

Per Fraser S. Keith,

Managing Editor.

This appears to be a strictly business proposition, and the students are getting the worst end of it. The chance of earning \$25.00 seems hardly worth the effort and time required to prepare a thesis, when most editors pay well for a short article on a technical subject.

SCIENCE COURT.

A session of the Vigilance Committee of Science Hall was held in the Chemistry lecture room on Thursday evening, Dec. 13th. The cases brought before the court, however, were few and not of a very serious nature. In fact the justice dealt out was more of a warning to thoughtless students than a punishment for infringing the unwritten laws that govern the men of Science Hall. The constables made good use of the evening by giving many spectators an opportunity to contribute to the Committee's treasury. Those refusing were soon convinced that Science men believe emphatically in the efficacy of the tap.

The Vigilance Committee this year has created a precedent worthy of emulation by other faculties. It has donated to the Gymnasium Fund all fines collected, after meeting the small expenses of the court.

Divinity.

IT has been announced that two prizes are to be given this spring in Homiletics and Elocution. The students of the Hall will be glad to know that such a step has been taken to encourage this branch of work. While we have been having some splendid lectures on sermon structure from different professors very little has been done in the way of Elocution and Voice Culture. Some, feeling that something might be gained by lessons in this branch, have further studied under teachers outside the University, and say that they have received benefit. We all feel our weakness in this important part of our work. Indeed, the Matriculants from many of our High Schools come to the University with practically no training in the art of sympathetic reading. For some years a professor has been with us for a few months, but the students generally have felt that in spite of the excellent quality of these lectures, they have not been of great value to them. The professor in the short time that he has been with us, has never had time, work as hard as he can, to give thorough instruction and drill. We, as students, thank the donors for their generous interest in this work, and believe that their wish to increase interest may be fulfilled.

At the opening of this session a committee was appointed to try to have the appearance of the Hall improved and to secure a theological library. Still the cobwebs hang, the window sashes rattle and the tattered blinds remain on the windows. Many interesting books lie unused on the library shelves because the students scarcely know of their existence. It would be interesting for the Hall to know what success this Committee met with.

D. H. Marshall, B.A., represented Divinity Hall at the Science dinner and G. A. Brown, B.A., represented us at the Medical dinner. Both enjoyed the hospitality of the sister faculties.

Rev D. M. Solandt, B.D., has been appointed assistant in Knox church, Winnipeg, in place of Rev. S. E. Beckett, who has accepted a call to Carberry, Manitoba.

Rev. M. A. Lindsay, B.A., who spent the summer at Cobalt, has accepted a call to Arkona and Adelaide congregations in Lambton County.

During the holiday season, R. C. Jackson and G. A. Brown, visited several congregations in the Ottawa Valley in the interest of the O. U. M. A. giving addresses on Mission work, illustrated with lantern views.

Alumni.

RUSSELL Reid, M.D., '06, son of R. I. Reid of Kingston, has passed the Pennsylvania state medical council examinations. He has for some time past been house surgeon in a hospital at Warren, Pa., but will shortly begin practice.

John C. Smith, B.A., '98, honor graduate in classics of Queen's and a departmental specialist in classics of the Normal College, has been engaged as classical master of the Wingham High School, and entered upon his new position at the first of the year.

Rev. Robert Campbell, M.A., D.D, minister of St. Gabriel's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, recently celebrated his jubilee as a minister. He graduated from Queen's fifty years ago and for forty years has been in charge of St. Gabriel's. Principal Gordon took part in the jubilee services.

Miss Louise H. Tompkins, B.A., '04, is teaching in the High School at Chesley, Ont., succeeding Miss E. McManus, M.A., '94, who has been appointed to the Ottawa Collegiate Institute and is the authoress of the articles on Canadian Poems appearing in the *Westminster*.

W. J. Patterson, M.A., '95, formerly of the Carleton Place Collegiate Institute has been appointed Professor of Mathematics in the Western University, London, Ontario.

R. H. Eldon, B.A., '01, has been appointed Principal of the Toronto Technical High School, the leading institution of its kind in Canada.

Dr. H. E. Gage, of Paisley, Ont., is spending a day or two with his father and mother, on St. Catharine street. The doctor is an old Kingston boy and located in Paisley last February where he is established in a very successful practice. He speaks very highly of the town and says it is one of the best business places for its size in Western Ontario.

D. A. McGregor, B.A., '05, Editor-in-chief of the Journal last session and recently on the staff of the Montreal Herald is now cable editor for the Toronto Globe. Another Queen's graduate who has gone into journalism is D. N. McIntyre, B.A., '03, who is at present editor of the Times, Victoria, B. C.

T. Hume Bissonette, B.A., at present on the teaching staff of the Galt Collegiate Institute has been appointed to the staff of Dovercourt School, Toronto.

Rev. S. E. J. Beckett, M.A., '03, late assistant at Knox Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg, has received a charge at Carberry, Man.

Miss Louise Cumming, B.A., '02, has been appointed teacher in Domestic Science for the Vancouver Public Schools.

R. W. Geddes, B.A., '96, who recently graduated in medicine at McGill is practising at Ville St. Louis.

J. D. Byrnes, B.A., B.D., '01, is settled as minister in Cobalt. His wife, formerly Miss Alice Mortin, M.A., is also a Queen's graduate.

D. H. Shortell, M.A., '98, is teaching in a private academy in Montreal, Que. Another graduate of the same year, James Parker, B.A., is assistant manager of the Sovereign Bank in that city.

T. H. Billings, M.A., '02, is tutor in classics at McGill.

Rev. Alfred Bright, B.A., has received a call to Knox Presbyterian Church, Peterboro.

W. J. Hamilton, B.A., '06, is on the staff of the Campbellford High School. He was lately teaching in the Picton High School.

Among the graduates who spent the Christmas vacation in Kingston were G. E. Newman, B.A., '91; J. E. L. Goodwill, B.A., '03; N. B. Wormwith, M.A., '05; G. A. Platt, B.A., '06; J. Fairlie, M. A., '06; J. C. Collinson, M.A., '98; H. V. Finnie, B.Sc., '06; Miss G. Connor, M.A., '04; Miss M. Gordon, M.A., '05; Bruce Strachan, B.Sc., '05; K. C. Berney, B.Sc., '06.

E. W. Shorey, M.A., D.Sc., '85, who has been chemist in charge of the government experimental station at Honolulu, has been transferred to the head office at Washington.

Miss Elizabeth Henstridge, M.A., '97, daughter of J. W. Henstridge, Portsmouth, has been appointed assistant in Moderns and English at the Kingston Collegiate Institute. She was formerly teaching in Campbellford.

The engagement is announced of Rev. Alex. D. McKinnon, B.A., B.D., '97, of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Boston, Mass., to Miss B. Edna Tucker, daughter of Mr. M. L. Tucker, of Nova Scotia.

On Wednesday, January 2nd, Dr. R. B. Price died in Chicago, Ill. He was born at Bath and graduated from Queen's forty years ago. He practised for some time in his native town but lately removed to Landsdale, where he suffered a paralytic stroke last year, but had recovered and was visiting his daughter when he was seized with pneumonia and died suddenly. Dr. Price was one of the best known physicians in the district and his death has caused sorrow among a wide circle of friends.

Athletics.

HOCKEY.

THOUGH the hockey situation is not yet settled, still there are bright prospects for a championship team. More material has turned up than was expected and probably by the time we have to meet Varsity, McGill and R. M. C. we will have two good lines. During the holidays, both first and second teams had a trip, the former to Peterborough, where they won by 10-8, the latter to Brockville, where they were beaten 5-2.

The most important matches, however, were those with Yale in Pittsburg, Pa. Ever since old Guy Curtis' time, Queen's has had a splendid reputation in Pittsburg and this year did not fail to uphold it. Two matches were arranged, one for Friday, Jan. 4th, the other Saturday, Jan. 5th, Queen's winning each, 1-0 and 3-0. Yale had a good defence—in fact a first-class cover-point—but were weak in combination. Our defence was invincible; while the forward line was strengthened by Dobson, who was able to join the team for the trip. The games were just a little different from what our men are used to. To begin with the rink was much larger than those to which we are accustomed. Duquesne Garden is immense, with a sheet of ice considerably larger than the Arena in Montreal, holding seven or eight thousand people. On account of the use of artificial ice it is possible to

have the place heated up to normal house temperature, which naturally bothers those used to playing in cold air. But this is partly counter-balanced by the game only lasting thirty minutes, two fifteen minute halves. Notwithstanding the strange conditions, however, our men gave a splendid exhibition. The trip was good fun; and we proved to the American colleges that we can still play better hockey than they.

GYMNASIUM.

Now that our gymnasium is really ready for use, it is surprising that so few men, comparatively speaking, have taking advantage of it. All last spring the students showed keen interest in the prospect of a gym., most of them subscribed, and with the exception of a few irresponsible spirits, all of them have paid their subscriptions. It is rather disappointing therefore to find that out of eight or nine hundred men at college, less than two hundred have taken the trouble to have themselves physically examined. This examination is compulsory, if one intends to take advantage of the classes or otherwise use the gym. and it would greatly help those in charge if the men would pass it as soon as possible. No doubt some fellows are too lazy. Spindle-shanked gentlemen may not care to show themselves. But it would do the former no harm to wake up and the latter a lot of good to take some exercise and get more robust.

GYMNASIUM FUND.

The Gymnasium Fund stood as follows on Jan. 7th, 1907. Previously acknowledged, \$4,849.37; G. E. Pentland, \$5.00; N. L. Turner, \$5.00; K. F. Williams, \$3.00; J. H. McDonald, \$5.00; C. J. Curtin, \$5.00; Vigilance Committee, \$5.11; Isaac McCandless, \$15.00; S. A. Woods, \$5.00; Prof Matheson, \$20.00; Prof. Goodwin, \$10.00; Dr. J. J. Harty, \$25.00; E. R. Peacock, \$50.00; Miss Edith Young, \$5.00. Total \$5,007.48.

BASKET-BALL.

The basket-ball tournament was opened just before 'Xmas, '08 playing '10 on Saturday, Dec. 15th. As this was the first event of immense importance to take place in the New Gym., a large and enthusiastic audience attended, thronging the gallery and clinging to the girders. Below, the match raged, wild and woolly. Play was hardly well under way before '08 scored a goal and almost immediately another, McCammon doing the necessary. But Capt. Boak said he was "nothing daunted" and cheered on his stalwarts to Herculean efforts. Following precept by example, his lithe and comely form glided in and out around the '08 defence; whenever the ball was out of reach of his hands, his feet came into play. Those who knew compared him to the octopus and the eel. And while Boak and his forwards were forcing the ball towards the '08 net, the '10 defence played manfully. Anything that passed big-fisted Pringle had to be a wonder and the hopes of the tenners ran high. But they had not counted on McCammon, nimble and swift, a man

who truly performed the wonders needed. His ability to tie himself in knots and shoot from any position won round after round of applause from the gallery. With the aid of the accurate combination of the other naughty-eighters, he rolled up a score of 25. In fact '08 had a great deal the best of it, though Cormack on '10's forward line was always dangerous and kept Fleming guessing. When at last A. P. Menzies in his stentorian voice called "time," the players sank down exhausted and the spectators could have heard a pin drop.

The teams lined up, '08:—forwards, H. Fleming, Dunlop; centre, McCammon; defence, D. Fleming (capt.), Craig.

'10:—forwards, Cormack, Gilbert; centre, Boak (capt.); defence, Jackson, Pringle.

The following is the schedule of games for the rest of the season; the first game each day will be called at 2.30 p.m., the second at 3.30 p.m.

Jan. 19th, '07 versus '08, '09 versus '10; Jan. 26th, '07 versus '09, '08 versus '10; Feb. 2nd, '07 versus '10, '08 versus '09; Feb. 9th, '07 versus '08, '09 versus '10.

FOR FOOTBALL REFORM.

(By *George Ade.*)

Selection of Players—The eleven players constituting the team shall be selected by the faculty, and the student who has received the highest grade in Greek anthology shall be captain of the team. No student shall be eligible for the team unless he is up in his class work and has an established reputation for piety.

Substitutions for "the Toss"—Instead of tossing a coin to determine which side gets the ball the two captains shall be called upon to extract a cube root of a given number provided by the professor of mathematics. The captain who is first to hand in the correct solution gets the ball.

Rotation of the Umpires—After each touch-down there shall be a change of umpires so that the questions asked of a team may, during the progress of a long and exciting game, cover the class work in zoology, applied metaphysics, veterinary science, Sanskrit, and other useful studies.

Offside Plays—Any player who makes a grammatical error, mispronounces a word or seeks assistance from a fellow student shall be deemed guilty of an offside play, and his side shall be penalized at least five yards.

Substitution for Kicking Goal—After a touch-down has been made the team making it shall be credited with five points and the captain of the team shall translate 500 words of Caesar's Commentaries. If he does so without an error his team is given an additional point, the same as if a goal were kicked. If he fails the ball goes to the opposing team on the twenty-five-yard line.

These rules probably will require further elaboration, but as they are given herewith they are sufficient to start the game on a new and humane system.

SPORT IN JAPAN.

"We are not without our little excitements here, and occasionally an actual row happens, though there is usually more smoke than fire. Two weeks ago T—— was on the verge of civil war over a baseball-match. K—— University, of which I am an unworthy appendage, and W——, a somewhat similar institution were to play three matches to settle the championship of Japan. Now sport is rather a new idea in Japan, and though they have mastered the practical rules, they have not yet learned the amenities of the game. In the first match all went well. K—— won, but a new factor was introduced—the college yell. It was up to K—— to follow W——'s example in this, so they went to work to manufacture a yell—several yells. In the second match the vituperation was so fierce that the W—— contingent displayed pistols and short swords. But their team won; so no blood was shed. But a whole week intervened before the next match and the 10,000, students in the two institutions became madmen. In K—— the classrooms were empty all week, and the students stood all day on the athletic ground howling, waving flags, and composing songs, not at all modest. In W—— the situation was worse, and on the day before that set for the match a warning was sent to K—— from the Central Police Office that 5,000 students of W—— were preparing to march to the Park where they would sleep all night and occupy the ground to the exclusion of all K—— students except the team. The umpire was warned by letter that the W—— students intended to kill him if they lost the match, while the K—— buildings were to be burned. But the police forbade the match and the blood-thirsty "fans" were obliged to hang up the sword——till next time.

I saw yesterday a Rugby match between an English team from Y—— and the K—— team—the only Japanese team playing the game—and it was touch-and-go. The English seemed twice the size of the Japs, but the ball in nine cases out of ten came out to the Japanese quarters. The yellow men were great on short passes, and their tackling was much superior to that of the English who did not seem able to stop the Japs. The latter, however, bunched together too much, and in the last minute of play the English, by a series of long passes, got around the end and over for a try—not converted. The K—— team had already scored a goal from the field so the English margin was a narrow one. With a little good coaching the little chaps would beat the English at their own game and then—the boasting; for the Japs, next to our friends, the Yanks, are the most boastful people in the world."

—*Extract from letter of a '96 man.*

Exchanges.

WHAT a brilliant array of college journals we find on our table at the beginning of the New Year! Christmas numbers, decked in bright colors, singing their Christmas carols, and wishing us the compliments of the season. Prominent among them we notice the *Varsity*—a real Christmas number, with messages from the pens of such men as Dr. Kirschman, Goldwin

Smith and William Henry Drummond. It must be highly gratifying to the editorial board of our contemporary to receive contributions from such men, and it would indeed be remarkable if we presumed to call this number other than one of the very best that we have had the pleasure of reviewing. But the corresponding issue of the *Notre Dame Scholastic* answers better to our definition of a college magazine. It is essentially a Christmas number too, not so brilliant as the "Varsity," but nevertheless containing some excellent articles, and every article is a student production. For this reason we prefer it to our more brilliant friend from Toronto. The principal poem in the *Scholastic*, entitled "The Nativity" impressed us as being a specimen of very respectable verse. "The Child's Christmas" was a fair production, and the essay "Christmas in the English Poets" was carefully and thoughtfully prepared. Above all, we admire the honesty of the "Scholastic." It maintains its "sure and even trot, While now the world rides fast, now lags behind."

The *Fordham Monthly*, from Fordham University, New York, demands more than casual notice. The only number we have received up to date, is that of November, and if it is to form the basis of our estimate, we do not hesitate to pronounce the *Monthly* a fair specimen of a college journal. It does not particularly excel in literary matter; yet we enjoyed its review of Thomas A. Daly's poems, and we clip the following characteristic sentence which, though it may be a trifle colored by the "Fordham spirit," gives a fairly true estimate of Mr. Daly, as an American Poet. "Mr. Thomas A. Daly, one of Fordham's distinguished sons, . . . has in his "Canzoni," a set of dialect poems, and purely emotional sonnets, which by vivid, humorous portrayals of the common, yet withal the grand, characters of this cosmopolitan nation, has strongly infused the spirit of 'Home, Sweet Home' into American life."

From an aesthetic standpoint the *Monthly* is the fairest magazine which comes to our table. It is dressed in bright colors, the paper is excellent and the print clear; but the cuts and illustrations,—they are superior to any we have met.

We were surprised to find the following in the Exchange column of a conscientious little California monthly: "We sincerely hope our exchanges will deal liberally with us, and not criticize us too hard. Troubles are many —." We know it brother, but cheer up! Read the Exchange column of the Niagara Index; follow its example, and your publication will be (in your own eyes) the best in college journaldom. And what you think of yourself, others *may* think of you.

The "St. Ignatius Collegian," published by the students of St. Ignatius College, Chicago, is an attractive and readable quarterly. The Christmas number has a wealth of fine illustrations, and contains a number of poems and short stories which, we must say, are not particularly brilliant. The various departments however, are well edited. The editor-in-chief attacks

the important question of "Class spirit versus College Spirit," and we endorse his statements that the college spirit is very apt to suffer from a too ardent faculty spirit; that class spirit in itself, is to be commended, but it should not be permitted to gain prominence over the larger feeling of love for the Alma Mater.

The "Edinburgh Student" is responsible for the following effusions:—

BIOLOGY.

You never hear a bee complain,
 Nor hear it weep nor wail;
 But if it wish it can unfold
 A very painful tail.

ANATOMY.

He cannot be complete in aught
 Who is not humorously prone;
 A man without a merry thought,
 Can hardly have a funny bone.

We beg to acknowledge the following December issues:—*Glasgow University Magazine, Edinburgh Student, T. C. D., McMaster Monthly, O. A. C. Review, St. Ignatius Collegian, Decaturian, Oxford Magazine, Hya Yaka, The Dial, North Carolina University Magazine, Niagara Index, St. Mary's Collegian, The Mitre, University of Ottawa Review, Manitoba College Journal, Alfred University Monthly, The Buff and Blue, New Brunswick University Monthly, Western Canada College Review, The Concordiensis, Vox Wesleyana, Dictum Est, and Collegiate Echoes.*

An American Exchange uses the following argument to prove to us that the new football rules have succeeded in making the game clean. "A mere comparison of the casualty figures of the last two years will justify a verdict of cleaner football. As against 18 deaths, and 159 severely injured in '05, we have a record of only 11 deaths and 104 seriously injured during the season '06."

Johnny stole a penny, and to jail was sent.
 The jury said, "not guilty," so he was in-a-cent.

Cheap as Dirt.—"You fellows charge an exorbitant price for pulling teeth," said the real estate dealer to the dentist. "Oh, I don't know about that." was the reply, "we only charge one dollar an acher.—*Hya Yaka.*"

The Ex-man of "The Decaturian" expresses anxiety with regard to his moral condition; for to fulfil his duty, he says, he must be an imitator of the devil himself, in that whenever he sees a good thing he must carefully cut it out.

Book Review.

THE NATURE STUDY COURSE.

MR. Sidney Silcox, B.A., D. Paed., Inspector of Schools in St. Thomas, and Mr. O. J. Stevenson, M.A., D. Paed., English Master in the St. Thomas Collegiate Institute, have just issued a *Nature Study Course* (Morang Co. Price fifty cents), which proves to be a practical and suggestive text. The aim of the book is quite specific. It is to be a sort of guide-book to the public school teacher who wishes to follow the curriculum laid down by the Education Department, and yet does not know how to go about it.

The authors take for granted that the reader is a convert to the nature-study spirit in education, and do not spend much time on general principles. One chapter of introduction does indeed treat of the advance in educational methods made in late years, of the ill-founded opposition of the humanists, and so on. The claim is advanced that "in general the best teachers of the past have taught nature-study even before its formal introduction." Then follow a few general directions for the teacher, including warnings against taking up subjects out of season, as for example, autumn leaves in spring, or bees in winter; or against taking up too big a subject, such as "Winter Buds," in one lesson. The intelligent teacher will reflect that these warnings are not intended for *him*, and will find much that is.

The other four chapters are taken up with the "Course for Form I," for Form II, III, and IV, respectively, and give practical suggestions for the carrying out of the study of plants, animals, birds, trees, the weather, and so on, that should prove very useful to the young teacher of nature-study, and not without timely hints for more experienced ones.

Music.

IN commenting on the music at the "Conversat," one who enjoys dancing can still recall pleasant memories and associations of the good dancing music furnished by the Opera House Orchestra, also some unpleasant moments, and steps missed on account of the crowded floor, and notes that were neglected especially in the parts where variations were introduced.

The concert programme was pleasing throughout. Miss Lois Winlow, the artist who won so much favor last year by her beautiful 'cello playing at the Glee Concert, was much appreciated on her return visit at the *Conversazione*. Miss Winlow is an artist who lives in her work. She has an agreeable style; purity of tone, elegance of bowing, with the grace and beauty of imagination. There is not the least affectation in her playing, nothing forced or constrained but great ease and simplicity.

Miss C. Bagus, Miss Parker, and Mr. W. A. Beecroft were the vocal soloists, whom the programme committee cannot thank too sincerely for their assistance.

Miss Bagus gave a solo, much suited to the occasion. Her purity of tone and liveliness of imagination pleased the audience.

Miss Parker who appeared for the first time at our university has a sweet voice with the ability to enunciate distinctly and with refinement.

Mr. Beecroft who has always taken a very keen interest in musical affairs around the college, impressed his audience with the personality behind the voice, and said much to them in his music.



Miss Lina Drechsler Adamson.

The Glee Club gave good selections and showed they were capable of improving the standard set last year. Being good strategists, they have kept all their new and best selections for the annual concert.

The Symphony Orchestra was the recipient of many encouraging and appreciative remarks.

The annual Glee Concert will be held in Grant Hall, January 22nd. The artist engaged to assist is a violinist of high rank, an outline of her ability is given below. Both the Glee singers and Symphony orchestra have taken

a great interest in their work and have prepared some selections that require sterling musicianship to master.

The success of the Symphony Orchestra has been the means of stimulating many who play stringed and other instruments—not merely for past time but for what can be gained from good music, hence the outlook for a good university orchestra for next year is very promising.

The clubs are doing their best to give a good concert but the preparation of good music is not all that is necessary for success. The attributes which make any business successful, are equally necessary for success here. Clear away a musician's financial difficulty and give him a crowded house and he will return the compliment by giving the very best that is in him.

The musical committee is fortunate in securing Miss Lina Drechsler Adamson for their annual concert. This "young Canadian violiniste, is a direct descendant of the distinguished violoncello player Carl Drechsler, who was prominent in the musical arena in the early part of the present century as a leader of the court orchestra at Dessau, maintained by the Duke of Anhalt.

From a very early age Miss Adamson gave evidence of marked talent for music and consequently began the study of her favorite instrument in early childhood, and continued her studies with great fidelity under the tuition and inspiration of her talented mother, up to the year 1897, when she left Canada and entered the Royal Conservatorium of Music at Leipzig, Germany.

In the Conservatorium Miss Adamson was at once enrolled among the prominent students of that great violin maestro, Hans Sitt. Under Hans Sitt, Miss Adamson's characteristic zeal, talent, and energy found ample scope for the exercise of her gifts, so that in solo and ensemble playing her development was of such a pronounced character as to cause her to be the recipient of many tokens of approval and commendations from Hans Sitt and many of the prominent teachers and critics of that great music centre, all of whom have bespoken for her a most brilliant future in her chosen profession."

Shortly after Miss Adamson received her diploma from the Royal Conservatorium of Music at Leipzig she returned to Canada, and has since distinguished herself as an artist of high rank. The press comments are numerous and of the very best: they come from the German press, the U. S. press and Canada's best papers,—we would like to print a few of these but space will not allow; all we can give is a general idea gained from reading them and of what we have learned of her work.

The violin of all instruments when played by an artist carries one above the sordid atmosphere, and truly opens out new planes of consciousness. It is thus preeminently a means of all-round culture: and is not a mere pastime. It has a social character about it. It touches the soul. Herein lies the secret of Miss Adamson's playing, that she does not depend upon technic nor upon frothy genius that evaporates in show, but rather to give forth music that lives in her very life, a depth of feeling that flows from a profound genius and extensive knowledge, as one who plays like a pure intelligence, and addresses herself solely to the understanding without making any use of the channel of the technic.

Jocoseria.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MOTORISTS.

If your brake falls to work at a critical moment, run into something cheap.

If you desire to make an impression on a young lady, run over her.

By seating your best girl in front with the chauffeur, you will have something pleasant to look forward to during the ride.

Should your auto overturn, leave your seat immediately.

You should know your brakes or else you may break your nose.

If a man gets in your way and is run down, he should apologize. If he is dead, demand an apology from his wife.—*Toronto Star*.

At Winnipeg, Rev. Dr. Gordon (Ralph Connor) drove his horse, Monbars, to victory.—*Star*.

It is said that the bulk of the fortune of the late Lady Burdett-Coutts will go to her husband, William Lehman Ashmead Bartlett Burdett-Coutts. We wonder if there is sufficient money for each of them to get some.

The following verse was quoted by the town clerk at Exeter in prosecuting a butcher who was fined 40s. for selling unsound sausages.

"Thou still unfathomed bag of mystery
 Thou foster child of chemistry and crime,
 Toothsome comestible whose scent should be
 The luscious mate of herbs and fragrant thyme,
 What horrid legend hangs about thy shape."

Student, (visiting H—y, convalescent typhoid patient at hospital):
 Have you been able to locate the source of the fever yet?

H—y: "Well, they tried to trace it to the water, but they've exonerated that. Now they are trying to connect it with the milk. *But I am dead sure it was those-blamed prunes.*

The above seems to add force to one of the definitions in the Foolish Dictionary; viz.—Prune: a plum that has seen better days; a boarding house veteran, and the landlady's pet; badly wrinkled yet well preserved.

S. A. W. (in reminiscent mood) Yes, sir, I've always had some sort of a pet Lamb.

D. A. (declining an invitation to preach) No, I haven't a sermon that's fit to take to a dog-fight.

Because a man wears a Q it is not necessary to call him a Chinaman.

Freshman in Chemical Latin (after having opened the H₂S bottle) to Rip—"Professor would you mind exchanging this solution. This stuff is old, it smells rotten."

Brock St. residence, 1.30 a.m. J. S. M. is being ejected from the house by papa in *evening* dress.

Fair one (in background):—I'll be at home Sunday night, dear.
J. S. M.:—So will I.

CALENDAR.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY

Every Saturday evening at 7.30

ARTS SOCIETY

Tuesday, Jan. 8, at 5 p.m., and every alternate Tuesday thereafter.

AESCULAPIAN SOCIETY

Meets Friday at 4 p.m. weekly.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month at 4 p.m.

LEVANA SOCIETY

Every alternate Wednesday at 4 p.m.

Y. W. C. A.

Meets Friday at 4 p.m. weekly.

Y. M. C. A.

Every Friday at 4 p.m.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION.

Every Saturday morning at 11.

Jan. 19.—"Chinese, Their Life and Character."—Wm. Stott.

Jan. 26.—"Mormonism."—W. J. Watt, B.A.

PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

Every alternate Monday at 4 p.m.

Friday evening, Jan. 25.—Prof. J. G. Hume, University of Toronto, will address the society. Subject: "Evolution and Personality."

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND DEBATING CLUB.

Jan. 16.—Resolved that Booming and Stock Speculation are necessary to the mining industry.—Affirmative, J. D. Truceman, A. Findlay; negative, T. B. Williams and M. Y. Williams.

Jan. 23.—Resolved that the regulation of railway rates by a board of Railway Managers similar to the Bankers' Association would be preferable to the present system of government regulation.—Affirmative, D. MacIntosh, D. E. Foster; negative, A. D. Cornett, G. H. Wilson.

MUSICAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Mandolin and Guitar Club—Monday and Friday at 5 p.m.

Male Glee Club—Monday and Thursday at 6.45 in Convocation Hall.

NOTE.—Secretaries of the various societies and clubs and years are requested to inform the Associate Editor of any errors or omissions in this list and to furnish him with dates and programmes of any meetings they wish announced.