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Editorial Comments.



It was with deep regret that the students of the University of Toronto learned of the death of Miss Olive E. Loudon, the eldest daughter of President Loudon. Miss Loudon died at Aikin, South Carolina, whither she had gone for the benefit of her health. Our esteemed

President may be assured that the students feel the deepest sympathy with him in this the second severe trial which he has been called upon to pass through in so short a period.

Saturday has always appeared to us to be especially the student's day—the day when he can lay aside the irksome succession of work, and, uninterrupted by the annoyance of inconvenient lectures, can in his reading and his recreation follow the bent of his own sweet will and feel himself really a student. Under the present tendency to multiply indefinitely regulations and restrictions, when each student must take his allotted seat in lectures if present and if absent have a "bad mark" put opposite his name which will militate against him at the next exam., our Saturday leisure seems to be the only remaining potent force in preventing us from becoming machine-made automatons.

It is of incalculable value to us to frequently rise, even for a short space of time, out of the ordinary rut, lest it wear so deep that we become enveloped therein and lost to every outside influence and to every outside field of usefulness. In this connection we heartily appreciated the series of Saturday lectures delivered last year by different members of the Faculty of the University and the College. These lectures though indirectly bearing on curriculum work had a higher aim in view than the next examination. Their purpose was to cultivate thought and to raise the standard of intellectual culture. But in doing so they also gave tangible evidence that such culture was only to be attained by persevering study. It afforded true enjoyment to the machine-worked student of the past week, when devoid of the carking encumbrance of note-book and pencil, and free from the tantalization of conjecturing what probable bearing each sentence would have on his next exam., he could sit at his ease in a seat of his own choice, with his feet propped against the seat in front, and drink in the lofty inspirations of poetry or history, of science or art, of modern research or of classic lore. And even the dullest of us caught what our French friends call an *entrevu* of the beauties of the courses we were not permitted to look upon at greater length. Truly such Saturdays were halcyon days for the genuine student.

But why have they ceased to be? Why are we now denied the pleasure and profit that accrued therefrom? Is it because such lectures would overtax our really hard-working faculty? It is not because they were not

desired and appreciated by the students. It cannot be because they were not patronized by the general public. Or is it because we are disinclined towards letting our lights shine before the outside world, or because we grudge the trouble? The very fact that such a series of lectures afforded an opportunity for the outside public to mingle with us on our own peculiar ground was one of their strongest recommendations. Many a time have strangers been heard to express their approbation of a scheme whereby they were enabled to get some idea of the work that was being done inside the institution which they were called upon to support. Viewed from every standpoint the system seems to be highly commendable, and we venture to express the hope that, if at all practicable, it will again be put into operation.

It is with pleasure that THE VARSITY calls attention to a thoughtful article entitled "Would it Mean an American Empire?" by Mr. C. A. Stuart, B.A., of the Class of '91. The article deals with questions of great practical importance, viz., the future political conditions of this continent. Mr. Stuart brings to bear on the treatment of these questions the results of his classical and modern studies. He makes it quite clear that in all matters of historical importance the lessons taught by the histories of Greece and Rome are fully as useful in solving or helping to solve modern problems as the most advanced theories of what an impatient critic has called exotic pedantry. It is gratifying to think that all our graduates do not throw aside their studies as soon as they leave our halls, and we may express the hope (which this article excites) that Mr. Stuart will pursue those historical studies for which his college training has so admirably fitted him.

A few days since we noticed on the janitor's table a petition that caused our pulse to beat decidedly faster. The purport of the petition was a request to the University authorities for the provision of some means to protect the belongings of the students while they are attending lectures, and the long list of names appearing on the paper affords rather striking testimony as to the number of articles lost, strayed, or stolen. On inquiry we find that hats, rubbers, books, gloves, umbrellas are the commonest cause of mourning, but that in addition to these more costly things have disappeared, such as watches and other valuables, and that in some instances money both in large and small amounts has been transferred from the pocket of its rightful owner to the pocket of some one evidently not disdaining even this the lowest form of trash. These things have been left in the cloak-room when their rightful lord went to his lectures but have been missing on his return; and even the most charitable of us can come to no less unkind and unpleasant conclusion than that they have been deliberately stolen.

Now theft at any time is hardly an attractive object of contemplation. There may be possible cases where the thief becomes even a hero, but they are the cases like most cases of true heroism that seldom or never come to the knowledge of the world. No one can condemn the starving man who steals to fill his empty mouth, but we never knew of more than one properly authenticated affair of that description, and then three months afterward we found the perishing wretch had seven dollars stowed away in the band of his disreputable old hat. It is not probable, however, that the offender in this case is even hungry, much less starving, and we are left face to face with the disagreeable fact that there is an unheroic thief going up and down in our midst, seeking to take care of any of our possessions that we may have neglected.

If theft is nowhere attractive its whole repulsiveness is felt when seen within our own domain of honor and manliness which serve as a foil to set off the enormity of the offence. It is no student who is doing this petty larceny. The editorial pen would refuse to write anything countenancing such an allegation, although such allegations have been too plentifully made. If these insinuations have the least foundation in truth we trust the truth may never be known. It is better that we lose a few paltry dollars than forfeit that confidence we are all bound to feel in the unswerving integrity of our fellows. We could imagine no more pitiful spectacle than an entity supposed to be pursuing knowledge and filching the coffers of those unfortunately thrown into his association. Let us have done once and for all with any prating as to the possibility of the miscreant being one of our own number; and we assure our readers that this would not have received any notice but for the fact that such talk has been unduly rife, and that utterly unjustifiable importance has been placed thereon by persons whose misconceptions might be of considerable moment.

It remains for us to assist the authorities in their efforts to set matters aright, and to protect our own interests as far as lies in our power. We hope that when once this particular system has been broken up we shall never be troubled again, and there is no reason why the cloak-room of wisdom's devotees should not be as secure as the chapel pew of a reverent congregation.

Mr. R. S. Strath will be Editor-in-chief of VARSITY during the Easter term. Were it not for the fact that Mr. Strath would, as a dutiful student, be bound to read even the editorial column we could say no end of kind things about his eminent qualifications for the position. As a thinker he is logical and far-seeing; as a critic he is just and keen; while as a writer he is easy and forcible. Under his guidance we venture to predict, with all due deference to our predecessors, that the college paper will not only be far superior to the issues of the Michaelmas term, but will even surpass the numbers of previous years. Mr. Strath will be a lamp with a light, and a messenger with a message.

The style of the paper will be greatly changed in the coming months. During the fall term VARSITY is essentially a newspaper rather than a magazine, and this has been particularly true of the fall of '92. Our University in its ever wider and wider sweeping circles has come to

embrace so many interests that the paper to be a reflex thereof has been compelled to devote most of its space to items of news. This was important and could not be neglected, but it precluded the possibility of doing justice to the literary side of which the retiring editor would have been himself particularly fond. We have again and again felt the desirability of publishing more purely literary matter, and we have again and again succumbed to the absolute necessity of not slighting our other functions. The difficulty could have been obviated by the insertion of four extra pages, but this we were not in a position to afford. We would venture to suggest, however, that next year, when our University will be still larger, it would be both practicable and profitable to provide for this enlargement during the Michaelmas term at least, if not during the whole year.

Some day we hope to see a monthly journal established. If this were done we could make the present VARSITY in theory, what in the fall months it is in practice, a newspaper, and the new "VARSITY"—for we must retain the name—would be in both theory and practice a magazine. Of course until this can be done, and done well, we are bound to hold fast to that which is good, and VARSITY is good, is eminently good. And although under the new scheme the work supposed to be performed by the one publication would be divided, we should still be aiming at our ideal of "literature, University thought and events."

For the present, however, we are bound to support, and support to the very best of our ability, the efforts made for the attainment of this ideal by those who are entrusted with the work of management. It will not, then, be out of place, if we remind our students of the essential importance of their contributing more fully during the Easter term. For, as we have pointed out, the paper has thus far, despite our efforts and inclination to combine news and literature, been taken up principally with the former; whereas during the remainder of the year the latter side will be more prominent, and more general writing must be done by our undergraduates.

And now you will not refuse to pardon us if we speak rather more personally. Our thanks are due to the members of the Directorate for their uniform kindness and consideration, and perhaps to the Business Manager in particular, with whom we have been by force of circumstances more intimately associated. The associate editors, too, deserve our warmest commendation; never, we frankly believe, has an unworthy editor-in-chief been supported and strengthened by such able and willing associates. Their every duty has been performed in such a spirit as to make it a pleasure to even assign a task; and that means volumes in the editorial book of joy and sorrow. Numerous other ready and able pens have been constantly at our disposal, and we trust that their wielders will accept this humble tribute of recognition.

You will thus have seen that the work of the present incumbent has been unimportant and pleasant, so that we need not express the regret we feel at the imperative necessity of tendering our resignation. These lines bring to a close the most congenial labor that could ever fall to the lot of student to perform.

The Freshmen of Chicago University have adopted the cap and gown.

The following poem of one of our associate editors has received recognition in the great press of the Republic:—

THE TUNEFUL LYRE.

A beggar I am, and I constantly tramp
From town unto town, in the dry and the damp;
And often at close of the wearisome day
I sleep in a fence corner out of the way;
And seldom, if ever, I sleep in a house
But often in barns, where the rat and the mouse
Watch closely, with greedy, hankering eye,
And hope that ere morning the beggar may die.
For I am old and ragged and poor,
And am driven away from the door.

I once had a home; it was ages ago;
After labor how sweet it was thither to go!
A wife and a child came to welcome me in,
For truly not always a beggar I've been.
But I trusted a man who was pitiless, bad;
He cheated me out of all that I had;
A lawyer got fame for his winning the case;
And I was left homeless with famine to face.
Thus I am old and ragged and poor,
And am driven away from the door.

The struggle was short for my wife and my boy,
I laid them to rest where no troubles annoy;
And alone I was left in this wide world of pain,
With nothing in life more to lose or to gain.
I left all my pride in the graves of the dead,
And became a mere beggar asking for bread!
And many, hard-hearted, believe not my tale,
Arrest me as vagrant and send me to jail.
For I am old and ragged and poor,
And am driven away from the door.

For years I have been just a beggar, a tramp,
And keep on my way in the dry and the damp,
A-begging for bread where I'm scoffed at and jeered,
A-begging for bread where I'm hated and feared,
And no one will know a heart throbbled in the breast
Of the beggar before it was crushed into rest.
And no one will care when he draws the last breath,
And passes unnoted the portal of death.
And yet, though I'm old and ragged and poor,
He'll not drive me away from His door.

—New York World.

—R. S. Jenkins, in Toronto Globe.

PHILOSOPHIC LUCUBRATIONS.

I was sitting at work the other evening when suddenly an idea struck me. It is so seldom that a blow of this kind is inflicted on me that I was quite staggered at first. Recovering my mental composure, however, within the time allowed before a halt is usually called (five minutes, per Marquis of Queensbury rules), I advanced to the attack, resolved to see what this strange assailant was, and whether I could master it. Truly enough it was a genuine idea. I was overjoyed at the discovery, and boldly resolved to make it my own if possible. I had foreseen the chance that such a task might one day devolve upon me, and, therefore, was forearmed, as it were, trained in all the ins and outs of the manly arts of logic and dialectic. After a desperate struggle of 115 rounds I succeeded in conquering the foe, and was purposing to myself to exhibit it, duly wrapped up in choice mysticism of expression, to the thinking world of Varsity. Here is the beginning of my exposition:—

If ever in the advance of the intellectual functions towards the hallucinatory adaptation of homogeneous acts to heterogeneous ends, that peculiar mental process whereby the individual becomes utterly and entirely convinced of

his own nonentity and nonsense; if ever, we say, in the progress of that stupendous evolutionary process, a contrary current of development sets in, and the thinker becomes impressed with the all-importance of the self and the utter nothingness compared therewith of the outer and external world, then, in such case, we would warn him with all due solemnity that he is suffering from rapid degeneration of the cerebellum, and that before many annular revolutions have sped their fleeting course on this mundane and sublunary sphere he will be a fit and proper candidate for . . .

Thus far I had succeeded in the elucidation of my brilliant idea when I felt a rough hand laid on my shoulder, and, with a rude shake, a policeman bade me follow him. My landlady, as I afterwards learned, had heard the sound of my battle with the idea, and, thinking I was not right in my head, had just called in the "cop" to see me. It took me some time to convince him that I was neither drunk nor crazy, but had only been in a philosophic mood; but at last he was persuaded, and left me to myself again. Then, O ye gods, what grief was mine! This rude interruption had quite lost me my idea. It was in vain that I searched the room carefully with tears, even tearing up the carpet in my anxiety; 'twas gone, irrevocably gone. My heart was saddened at the thought of the irreparable loss to myself and to humanity. O wretched "cop"! thy brazen cheek and tough bull-hide makes thee unsusceptible to the mischief thou hast wrought thy fellows and the misery thou hast brought on me! As Rachel, weeping for her children, would not be comforted, even so am I comfortless, having lost the sole child of my brain, its one tiny offspring.

But hence, unmanly grief, I must brace up. Dear readers, I submit the shattered remnant of my idea to you, in the hope that some kindred soul among you may seize the conception that was begun to be outlined but destined never to be finished. If any of you should chance to find it, kindly leave it with the Editor-in-chief, with whom I have deposited, as reward, my own ticket of admission to the asylum, which I always keep by me in case of emergency, but which I will gladly surrender to that worthier idiot who can fathom the depths of this abysmal idea.

The following is from a near kinsman of Touchstone, and his language naturally savors of that immortal fool. After some kind words of compliment for the article under discussion, he takes the large charter of the winds and blows as follows:

" . . . But who is Meander? Did he interchange Hero and Leander for a joke (if so, it was a poor one) or in ignorance (if so, it was damnable)? Whichever it was, maybe this will fit him:

Did Leander, the meekest and mildest of maids,
In the town of Abydos abide
So? So!

And did Hero, the wickedest, wildest of blades,
Try to swim from the Sestos side,
So? So!

Go and take a walk, Meander."

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The following are the members of the Glee Club who have been chosen for the annual tour: 1st tenor, Messrs. Taylor, L. Boyd, Bigelow, J. McIntosh, A. E. McLaughlin, F. Crosby; spare men, Campbell, Marr and Grant. Second tenor, Faircloth, K. D. McMillan, F. W. Langley, Little, Pease, McConnel; spare men, Fielding, Davies and McCallum. First bass, L. A. Moore, Barker, N. M. Lash, D. G. Boyd, Eby Knox Carroll; spare men, N. Lash, Dunbar and Lashingier. Second bass, H. A. Moore, A. S. McKay, McAllister Blythe, Roxborough, McCrae, Wilson; spare men, Fry, Speller and Wood.

There was keen competition amongst the members, and the committee found it a hard task to make the selections. The Club will leave on Tuesday, the 20th, and the tourth will include London, Woodstock, Berlin and St. Thomas.

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LITERARY SOCIETY.



THE last meeting of the Literary was the largest and liveliest that has taken place as yet. This pugnacity of feeling was manifested even so early in the evening as the reading of the minutes, and it kept increasing in hilarious progressions. The eagle eye of S. J. McLean had detected an error: the names of Messrs. Horne and Strath had been omitted from the

list of candidates for the third vice-presidency. Mr. McLean insisted that these gentlemen must run for the office. When the President declared that there was an unwritten law which would thus be violated, he demanded the production of said law, and Mr. Levy appealed from the ruling of the chair. In spite of these desperate efforts by the friends of the two candidates they were defeated; the President's ruling was upheld by the meeting, and the minutes declared inviolable.

This first taste of blood roused all the energies of the meeting, which usually sleeps through the business part of the programme. As each item came on it was uproariously despatched. The question of a grant to the Glee Club, introduced by Mr. Parker, gave rise to considerable debate. Mr. Phillips wanted to defer action till the spring, and his speech bristled with precedents of former years. Mr. Hellems didn't believe in giving pap to any society, however unworthy. Mr. S. J. McLean thought that there should be a general rule established not to give aid to any society, but that each case that came up should be considered an exception to the rule. Finally the grant was voted, and the delighted smile that illuminated the features of the mover on the announcement of the result was alone worth the amount granted. Then followed an exceedingly base (ball) act. Notice of motion was given for a grant to that worthy institution, the Baseball Club. The committee appointed to arrange for cheap fares with the railway company reported that certificates would be granted to students for that purpose before Dec. 21st. Then followed elections. As debaters against McGill Messrs. Hellems and Anderson were chosen, the latter after declaring he didn't in the least want to go. The Society showed in this statement by at once electing the author of G. R. Anderson was appointed to represent us at

the Queen's University Conversat. Mr. A.'s delight at this proof of our confidence in him was manifest. He looked as charming as any oyster throughout the rest of the meeting. Mr. Silverthorn was chosen third vice-president, and Mr. Hiland second year councillor.

The cares of business thus laid aside, the weightier cares of state pressed down on us. One minute we were the Lit. wrangling about grants and appointments; the next we became transformed into the Sovereign Parliament of Canada. The change was easily effected. The members moved their seats a little, assumed a statesmanlike appearance, and laid Stewart's club on the table to serve as mace, and lo! the transformation was complete. The House, before considering the speech from the throne, asserted its privilege in the customary way by introducing a bill making it a capital offence to sell cigarettes to freshmen. The bulwarks of liberty having thus been firmly established, Mr. J. A. Tucker moved the address in reply to the speech from the throne. Scarcely had he taken his seat when K. D. McMillan arose panting for information. After K. D. had been satisfied and had subsided, Mr. P. J. Robinson seconded the motion. Both Mr. Tucker and Mr. Robinson are to be congratulated on the success of their first appearance before our august assembly. The leader of the opposition, Mr. Strath, followed with a critical review of the Government's sins of omission and of commission in laying down the measures for the year. They had done those things which they ought not to have done, and had left undone those things which they ought to have done, and there was no health in them. Mr. Strath was followed by a foeman worthy of his steel, the first minister, Mr. Boles, who vigorously defended the programme of his Government, and especially that plank in it on which the leader of the opposition had made his chief attack—the question of independence. Mr. J. H. Brown next attacked this proposal in a rabid speech in favor of annexation. He was answered by the Minister of Finance, Mr. W. P. Reeve, who also introduced the estimates for the coming year.

Among the items of expense the following were some: Women's Residence, \$1,250,000; boodle for members of the Opposition, \$1,000,000; for members on the Government side, \$100,000,000. To meet these and numerous smaller items of expense it was proposed to levy a heavy tax on sophomore moustaches and freshman cheek, tax of 75 per cent. ad valorem on all members bringing ladies to public debates, etc.

Notices of the following bills were given: Bill to bring about by hook or crook the independence of Canada. Bill to reform the civil service. Bill to establish a Divorce Court with special rates for Varsity men. All members are requested to give these their serious consideration.

Queries as to Government misdoings next followed. K. D. McMillan wanted to know if the minister of militia was taking any steps to punish deserters from the volunteers, also whether the Government intended to fortify our northern frontier and to utilize Niagara Falls for military purposes? The minister, in answer to the first question, replied that such offenders were meeting with their deserts. The second, he said, was an ice question, but he thought the barriers of the north were sufficiently formidable by nature without the help of art. The Government had a project in hand for using Niagara Falls for military purposes. Mr. Parker enquired of the minister of marine and fisheries if the latter, acting in his of-fish-al capacity, had induced the codfish to settle within the three-mile limit. The minister, in reply, held out hopes that fish would soon be within the reach of even the humblest member of the Opposition.

After several important points had thus been investigated the honorable members adjourned, well satisfied with the progress that had been made at the first sitting of Her Majesty's House of Commons for this session.

The Lehigh library contains about 90,000 volumes.

MASS MEETING.

A large and enthusiastic mass meeting of the students of the University of Toronto was held in the School of Science hall on Thursday evening last. The meeting was called by the President of the Literary Society in accordance with the request of a number of the students for the purpose of discussing the formation of a General Society of the students.

When the meeting had been called to order, Mr. Parker introduced the following resolution:—"That this mass meeting of the students of the University of Toronto and of the School of Practical Science hereby expresses itself in favor of organizing the whole student-body into a regularly constituted Society, in order that all business affecting the general interests of the student may receive proper and orderly consideration, and accordingly be more satisfactorily concluded."

Mr. Reeve, in seconding the resolution, pointed out the necessity for some such a society whereby the students could properly express their voice on matters of common interest. The principal item of common interest was, of course, athletics, but other matters were sure to arise. The society would act as a protection to student rights, and serve to foster university spirit. The society would be like a stream, etc. (We understand Prof. Galbraith has taken the hint and intends to open up a new course of study on "Hydraulics as Applied to Poetic Metaphor.")

Mr. Webster moved in amendment "That that part of student interests included under the head of athletics be excepted from the control of the new society which is to be formed."

In support of his amendment he explained that the athletic interests of the students were so great that they required a separate society. In no other way could they receive adequate attention; in no other way could party spirit be excluded; and the student-body could not be represented by a sub-committee of a general society.

"Watty" Thompson came forward, amid storms of applause, to second the amendment.

A great deal of discussion then ensued, mainly concerning the best method of handling athletics, and the importance or unimportance of the "details" of the first proposal. Mr. Strath asked for an explanation of these "details." Mr. Woods protested that they should be detailed to the new committee. The meeting talked and argued until at length it could not remember why it had been called. Kerr cut the Gordian knot by asking for the resolution to be read again, and exclaimed, "That's what we're here for."

The amendment finally carried by a strong majority.

Mr. Strath then brought in a motion, "That a committee of five be appointed to draft a constitution for the new Athletic Society, and to report to a mass meeting in January, the members of the committee to be Messrs. Thompson, Webster, Parker, Goldie and Strath." The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting, we were pleased to note, did not divide on political lines, but expressed the earnest, unbiassed opinion of the majority of the students, which augurs well for the success of the new society.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE DINNER.

As predicted the Fourth Annual Dinner of the S. P. S. students held on Friday evening last was a roaring success. About one hundred, including guests and students, sat down to partake of the good things so temptingly arranged in Mr. Webb's inimitable style. Notwithstanding the fact that everything was conducted on scientific principles nearly two hours were consumed in satisfying the cravings of the inner man—or men—two hours spent in silence except for the rattle of knives and forks and the occasional pop - - fizz - - of flying soda water bottle corks being

kindly relieved from the pressure to which they had been subjected by humane and benevolent hands.

After the different courses had been disposed of and when the happy and satisfied faces of all assembled showed that they were now in a condition to enjoy the "feast of reason and the flow of soul," the chairman, Mr. W. A. Lea, arose and after thanking the students for the honor they had conferred upon him and welcoming the guests who honored us with their presence, opened the toast list by proposing in a loyal and patriotic address a health to "The Queen." This was heartily responded to by every one present rising and singing the National Anthem.

The toast to "Canada" proposed by our goal-keeper, Mr. Bergey, was an ideal of eloquence and patriotism. Mr. Bergey contended that no matter what our political future might be, whether it be Annexation, Independence or Imperial Federation, our prosperity was assured in the stability and strength of character of our people.

Mr. N. Lash here introduced "Micky Brannigan."

Mr. Shiel in proposing the toast to "The Faculty" took advantage of the opportunity thus offered to say a word for our athletic interests, by suggesting that an extra hour or two per week be set apart on the curriculum for this purpose. Professors Galbraith and Ellis not yet having arrived, Mr. Stewart, Prof. Coleman, Mr. Wright and Mr. Rosebrugh replied. Mr. Stewart confined his remarks to the progress of the School, Prof. Coleman gave some good advice, Mr. Wright was in favor of a little more time being given to athletics, while Mr. Rosebrugh thought (?) that as a supplement to five months in summer, three weeks at Christmas and one at Easter, we ought to have the greater part of the Christmas term for the further development of muscle.

Mr. E. H. Keating, City Engineer, and Major V. Sankey, of the P. L. S. Association, responded to "Our Guests," proposed by Mr. Squire.

"Our Sister Institutions" was most ably replied to in a witty and interesting speech by Mr. McPhail, of the Applied Science Faculty, McGill University. This is the first time we have had a representative from McGill, but we sincerely hope it will not be the last.

Mr. Walker, in replying to the "Engineering Profession," proposed by Mr. Laing, made a number of local hits by drawing similes between certain styles of architecture and certain well-known individuals around the School. The most palpable one was when he compared "the gem of the first year" to the Grecian style because it combined "beauty and refinement." Some present thought that Mr. Walker was rather hard hit himself.

The entrance of Principal Galbraith and Prof. Ellis at this point in the programme—both of whom had been detained by an important senate meeting—was the signal for prolonged and vociferous applause. When the last echoes of this well deserved expression of loyalty and devotion had died away, the professors in turn addressed the students. It was gathered from Prof. Galbraith's remarks that a petition to the Council asking it to set apart a couple of hours a week on the time table for the practice of football might not be without results.

"The Graduates" was responded to by Mr. Duff and Mr. Menill.

"The Engineering Society," proposed by H. T. Wood, was responded to by the chairman and Mr. J. Chambers.

"The Freshmen," proposed by Mr. Laschinger, who admitted that they were a necessary evil, was ably replied to by Mr. Blackwood.

"The last toast of the evening, "The Ladies," was proposed in charming style by J. Laidlaw. Mr. H. Ralph represented the ladies, and his effusion ran something like this: neatest, sweetest, prettiest, wittiest, kissiest, gushiest, rushiest, fussiest, . . . and then we lost him, so we were unable to find out whether he was speaking from experience or hearsay.

Then all joined hands and sang "Auld Lang Syne." Impromptu musical selections were interspersed with

the toasts, the following taking part: Vocal—Lang, Self, Lash; instrumental—Laschinger, Dobie; accompanist—Boswell.

Among the graduates present were: J. A. Duff, B.A.; E. B. Menill, B.A.; J. McDougall, A. L. McCullough, A. Lane, G. W. McFarlen, A. B. English and L. M. Bowman.

NATURAL SCIENCE.

A meeting of the Natural Science Association was held in the Biological lecture-room on Tuesday afternoon. Miss Curzon, B.A., read an interesting paper on "Fermentation." The two great groups of ferments, the Organized and the Unorganized or Enzymes, were described and contrasted. Of the Organized, attention was drawn to the Putrefactive ferments and one of their products, the Ptomaines.

The Enzymes were particularly described, the Diastatic being taken as a type.

The paper was followed by animated discussion on the conditions under which the digestive ferments act.

Mr. R. W. Sheraton, '94, then read an interesting paper on "Symbiosis." Certain plants have peculiarities of structure that furnish food and shelter to ants, who in turn protect the plant from certain of its enemies.

Next meeting, on January 10th, when Messrs. McDougall and Silcox will give papers.

COLLEGE SPIRIT.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:—

DEAR SIR,—Just now various matters of College interest are being brought before our notice. To an outsider it may seem we are, as an undergraduate body, undergoing changes and reforms. This is easily conceded; and to one of our observant selves there is a little improvement yet to be desired. We hesitate to take up the critical pen for fear of being styled a "novus homo," or of being classed with those whom the Editor dislikes as somewhat pessimistic. However, our life is worth nothing to us can we not make some sacrifice. Following our selfish instinct we would observe silence now as in the past, but what flickering college spirit is in us bids us write.

True a little needed reform has been taking place about Varsity of late. Still a little thought will reveal that this reform is due not to an increased seminary enthusiasm, but the dying out of what was. What we wish to say is this: There is not, among the students of the University, that fellow-feeling, intimate acquaintance, interdependence and freedom of approach to each other, which should exist. We are not interested in each other as a society of students should be. There is too much vertebral stiffness and tongue-bashfulness! Too much caste feeling. Our fellows are too wrapt up in their own ambitious intents, or this stupor of unconcern has so seized us that we scarcely deign to recognize each other in the halls, on the street, down town, or elsewhere. Carelessness here soon grows to indifference. Each plods his weary way along, bent on his own intent. It may have been a fellow student that passed, or it may have been the college factotum or a mason. To lectures; to plugging. To meals; to bed. Is this an ideal college round? Surely there can be no loss of dignity were a senior to salute his junior and freshman; nor any want of self-respect were the latter to look towards their seniors.

Many who do not enjoy the University life believe the friendships and associations of such life to be a kind of subordinated Paradise. Does not their belief, as to what is, put to shame the truth? It is not merely our own feeling, but that of many spoken to on the matter, that this free, unselfish, congenial college spirit is a thing more desirable than it is common amongst us. Let us have our class societies—they extend acquaintance and are profitable; but let us not make them an end, a unit in them-

selves. For as an individual, an individual year may be selfish. Let "Old Varsity" be to us all a name dear, under whose benign influence we dwell in active, not fanciful, fellowship.

Thus, with the re-wearing of the academics, which it is hoped will become general as though it were a mandate of the Senate, will be revived that spirit native to a college, which maybe died away with the embers the night of the great fire.

Sincerely,
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THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—There appeared in your issue of Dec. 7th an article on our present system of professional training of High School teachers. The learned writer—a University graduate—passing over many features which might properly be regarded as subjects of criticism, notably the compelling of teachers to serve an apprenticeship, seems to have been at some pains to cast a slur on the holders of first-class C certificates. The fact that he has done this indicates that he has missed the great lesson that the University should have taught him.

For the first-class C men it may be said that they have had to pass an examination in Mathematics and English, and in Science or Moderns or Classics, quite as difficult as many of the graduates have had to write on; further, that they have had to obtain fifty per cent. on the examination; and, therefore, even though they may not have acquired that depth of psychological knowledge enjoyed by their critic, it is probable that they are as well equipped for the work they do as that occasional graduate whom the writer, with such becoming humility, confesses to be "deep learned in books, but shallow in himself." As to their holding positions when so many graduates are available, they have merely taken advantage of the regulations, and qualified themselves according thereto for teaching in our High Schools. As a general thing they comply with the rules of the system to which they belong, and it is not often that they stand in the way of better or more earnest men.

As a University graduate I would protest against anything that tends to foster antipathy between the University and the remainder of our educational system. There has been a lack of sympathy, arising from misunderstanding or pride, for which each section is somewhat to blame. The remarks of your contributor are surely not calculated to remove it.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.—Notwithstanding the great counter-attraction of the mass meeting in the School of Science, a large number of students were present at the last meeting of the Association, which was led by Mr. Martin. Next Thursday's meeting will be the last for this term, and will assume the ordinary devotional form.

RALLY!—We learn with pleasure of the intended visit to Toronto of the Wilson Barrett Dramatic Company on the 19th. Mr. Franklyn McLeay, one of the most able members of the company, is, we are pleased to note, an old Varsity man. Thanks to the interest taken by Mr. Barrett in his career, Mr. McLeay has made exceptional progress in his chosen profession. Mr. McLeay has been made the subject of most flattering notices by all the leading English papers. The London *Star* speaking of the part taken by Mr. McLeay in *Pharaoh* says: "There is one piece of acting that will be talked about everywhere, that of the "Bat" by Mr. Franklyn McLeay, a young Canadian, who after a very few years of all kinds of acting touches in one performance the weird, the pathetic, the ludicrous and the gruesome in a most marvellous degree. This performance has brought the young actor to a bound to the very front rank of our finest artists." We trust that the students will "rally" at the Grand and show their appreciation of the success achieved by a graduate of our University.

FOOTBALL.

Now that the football season is a thing of the past—a memory, present only in the minds of those who have taken an active part in its victories and defeats—a brief review of the work done by our Rugby and Association teams would no doubt prove of interest to all our readers who have in their hearts at all times a warm corner for the pleasures of the campus. The football season of '92 would at first sight appear to have been one of only moderate success for Varsity. Upon closer investigation, however, it will be seen that such is not the case. Out of three possible championships, one only has fallen to the lot of the blue and white, namely that of the Toronto Association League and the W.F.A., which constitutes the championship of Canada. But while our Association representatives are the only trophy winners of the college we must not overlook the difficulties, almost insurmountable, which wrecked at the outset the hopes of our first Rugby fifteen, nor should we neglect to credit our second fifteen with the most creditable showing which they made in several of their matches.

THE ASSOCIATION RECORD.

The following is a list of the matches played by Varsity in competition for the championship of the Toronto League:—

On October 15th, Varsity won from the College of Commerce by a score of 6 to 2.

On October 22nd, Varsity and Osgoode Hall played a draw, each team scoring one goal.

Victoria College defaulted on October 29th.

The draw with Osgoode Hall was played off on the 2nd of November, Varsity winning by 3 goals to 0.

The final match of the city competition was played on November 5th at the baseball grounds. For the third time the Scots were beaten by the decisive score of 4 to 1.

Varsity, now champions of Toronto, naturally anxious to make a fixture with Preston, the winners of the W.F.A. trophy. After considerable urging, the satyrs of the mineral springs were induced to do battle for the championship of Canada. On November 19th, at Preston, Varsity proved her undisputed right to the proud title which she has so often won and ably maintained.

The trip to Pittsburg on November 24th was a happy conclusion to a successful season's kicking. The journey was taken with an evident view to enjoyment, but with their pleasure the boys evidently combined business, as the result of the match, 7 to 2, would clearly indicate.

PERSONNEL.

Only thirteen players were employed on the team in a series of six matches. They were:—

- Goal—G. D. Porter.
- Backs—J. C. Breckenridge, F. A. Stewart.
- Halves—C. Forrester, A. R. Goldie, N. J. McArthur.
- Forwards—D. M. Duncan, W. McDonald, W. P. Thomson, D. Murray, W. M. Govanlock, W. E. Lingelback, H. E. Sampson.

THE RUGBY RECORD.

Before entering upon a review of the matches won and lost (principally the latter) by our Rugby stalwarts it is only just to point out the disadvantage under which they labored in their opening game. That they were drawn to play on October 8th, so early in the college year, was in itself a great misfortune. The members of the team could not be brought together in time to get in any beneficial practice. Then, again, their first opponents were the Torontos, one of the strongest teams of the league, and one which made a strong bid for the Canadian championship. Under such circumstances it is little wonder that Varsity was beaten out from the beginning. We are confident, however, that at the conclusion of the season of '93 Varsity will occupy the position to which the strength and skill of her players justly entitle her.

Two cup matches and two friendly games were played on the following dates:—

October 8th—Varsity, 8; Toronto, 19.
 Personnel of Varsity team: Back—McQuarrie; Halves—W. Gilmour, Bunting, J. Gilmour; Quarter—Parker; Wings—Laidlaw, H. Kingstone, J. McCrae, G. Cloyes, N. Lash, C. Kingstone, White; Scrimmage—T. McCrae, M. Lash, Vickers.

October 15th—Varsity, 5; Toronto, 12.
 Barr and MacMillan played in this match and added great strength to the combination. These two defeats threw Varsity out of the series.

On Wednesday, 10th November (Thanksgiving Day), McGill and Varsity played their annual game, which resulted in a draw, each team scoring 9 points.

On November 16th the annual contest between Trinity and Varsity took place, the latter again proving her superiority over her old rival. The score was 13 to 6.

RUGBY SECOND FIFTEEN.

Two matches were won and one lost by the Second Fifteen:—

October 15th—Varsity II., 14; Trinity II., 8.
 Personnel: Back—Crane; Halves—H. Moore, Hargraft, C. Moss; Quarter—Bond; Wings—Eby, McCrae, Boyd, Robinson, Smith, McLean; Scrimmage—Cronyn, McKenzie, McDonald.

October 22nd—Varsity II., 39; Trinity II., 0.

October 29th—Varsity II., 11; Hamilton II., 13.

INTER-YEAR SERIES (ASSOCIATION).

The competition between the different year teams has been very keen this season. Knox, Victoria and the School of Science have also taken part in the series of matches played for the championships of the college. From the following schedule it will be seen that '95 are winners of the championship of the four years, while the S.P.S. eleven hold the championship of a league composed of the four years together with Knox, Victoria and the S.P.S.:—

'95 won from '96.	Score, 2-1.
'94 " " '93.	" " 1-0.
'95 " " '94.	" " 3-2.

In the second series—

Knox won from Victoria.	Score, 1-0.
S.P.S. " Beaus.	" " 3-0.
S.P.S. " Knox.	" " 3-1.

In the final, the S.P.S. defeated '95, by a score of 3-1.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Notices under this head must be in the hands of the Editor before Monday night.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15TH.

- Y.M.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
- Class of '96 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.
- Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16TH.

- The Varsity Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 4 to 6 p.m.
- Ladies' Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 1 p.m.
- Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.
- Open Debate.—Jackson Society vs. Victoria Literary Society, Literary Society Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.
- Mathematical and Physical Society.—Room 16, College Building, 3.30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17TH.

- Women's Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18TH.

- Bible Class.—"The Doctrine of Liberty," Gal. iv. 1-16. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D., Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

- S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH.

- Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.
- Y.W.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21ST.

- Bible Class.—Rev. Dr. McTavish's class for Bible training. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.
- Class of '94 Political Science Club, 4 p.m.

'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Harvey German, '94, has given up his studies in Political Science and entered a city law office.

The gown question and the comic papers are at present dividing the attention of the two junior years.

We are glad to promise our readers that "As we list; and ye list," will become a regular feature of VARSITY next term.

Miss E. Rogers, '92, is back in town for her holidays. She has been teaching in Pickering Ladies' College, of which she is Principal.

Mr. A. F. Rykert, B.A., represented our Medicos, on Friday last, at the annual dinner of the Western University Medical School of London.

A plaster bust of our late President, Sir Daniel Wilson, has been presented to the Boys' Home, an institution in which he took an active interest.

During one of the third year classical lectures on Aristotle, it was discovered that "the fool who didn't know it was loaded" existed in ancient Greece.

Mr. A. L. McNab, '94, is at present acting as reporter for the Owen Sound *Advertiser*. He is a frequent contributor to *Saturday Night*, *The Week* and *Grip*.

"K" Company's treasury is burdened with a surplus, and it is proposed to hold a grand company dinner, in order to restore things to their normal state.

A number of the Faculty are practising diligently at the Y. M. C. A. bowling-alley, in the hope of being able to triumph over President Loudon when our own is opened.

WANTED—Information which will lead to the arrest and conviction of the Toronto correspondent of the *Buffalo Express*. Address, Sophomore, Univ. Coll., Toronto.

An industrious Fourth Year man managed to read the whole of "Mr. Jacob Chump's Dilemma," but has been suffering from dizziness and fainting spells ever since.

The President of '94, in accordance with a petition presented to him last week, has called a meeting of the year for the purpose of ascertaining the wishes of the class in regard to a class dinner after Xmas.

Our friends of keen critical typographical acumen will have perceived that "shows," in the second editorial of last issue, should have read "shun." The error escaped us in our proof-reading, probably owing to the lingering effects of the Medical Dinner.

When coming away from the mass meeting we heard a disgusted devotee of Classics remark that if a Political Science man had to cook his own dinner he would be sure to do so ac-

ording to constitutional precedent, and that if anyone objected he would prove that he had followed the Cabinet system of procedure.

A public inter-society debate will be held in the chapel of Victoria College, on Friday next. The subject for debate is, "Resolved, That church property should be taxed." Messrs. J. A. Ayearst and J. W. Fallis, of the Jackson Society, will uphold the affirmative, while Messrs. J. G. Bowles and T. E. E. Shore, of the Literary Society, will support the negative.

Rev. E. R. Young will deliver an illustrated lecture, on Friday next, in the Trinity Methodist Church, on the Indians, their haunts and homes. Mr. Young is noted all over America for his brilliant and interesting lectures on this subject. He has been a missionary for many years, and his son, E. R., of '93, was born on his father's mission field, among the Cree Indians.

The School of Pedagogy Literary Association will hold their closing exercises on Thursday evening, Dec. 16th. The occasion is under the patronage of the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick. The programme will be furnished by Miss Agnes Knox, Miss Lilli Kleiser, Mr. W. J. Knox, Miss Henrietta Shupe, and the Varsity Glee Club. The Lieut.-Governor will address the students.

On Thursday last the Political Science students of the second year met in lecture-room No. 4, for the purpose of organizing a Political Science Association for that year. Mr. King was appointed chairman, Mr. Clark, secretary *pro tem*. The following officers were then elected: President, Prof. Mavor; 1st Vice-President, J. A. McEvoy, B.A., LL.B.; 2nd Vice-President, R. L. McKinnon; Secretary, T. H. Hillier; Councillors, Messrs. Clark, Brown, Hyland.

The following is from the *St. Lawrence News*: "Mr. Robert Knox, B.A., has been appointed Science Master of the High School, at a salary of \$800, to succeed Mr. R. Thompson. Mr. Knox was graduated last spring at the University of Toronto, with first-class honors in Natural Science, and comes highly recommended for teaching and scholarly attainments. He is a brother of Miss Agnes Knox, the well-known elocutionist, and during his last year at college occupied the highest position in the gift of his fellow-students, as editor of THE VARSITY, the University paper."

The first regular meeting of the Political Science Association of '94 was held last Wednesday, with Mr. McEvoy in the chair. Able essays were read on the four fundamental assumptions of Mill, by Messrs. McCaig, Sexsmith, Craig and Carroll. An animated discussion followed, in which Messrs. Woods, Brown, Craig and Wilson took part. A resolution

was adopted that the work taken up should be on the same lines as that laid down in the curriculum for this year, and that abstracts should be made and kept of all essays. Messrs. Brown, McLean and Woods were appointed a committee to draft and forward a resolution to Prof. Ashley, expressing the regret of the class at his loss. The meeting was well attended and gave good promise of future success.

The site of the new chemical laboratory has at last been settled upon, and next spring work will be begun on the lot north-west of Wycliffe. The building will be in the form of a quadrangle, with the lecture-rooms on one side and the laboratories on the other, while connecting these will be the passages and store-rooms. When completed it will be in charge of Prof. Pike, to whom belongs the honor of having drawn the plans. The School of Science has been greatly overcrowded lately, but in the new building there will be laboratory accommodation for 200 arts men and medicos, and the lecture-room will hold about 350. The present laboratories will probably be devoted to the uses of the Chemical Department of the School of Science and new apparatus imported from Germany.



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