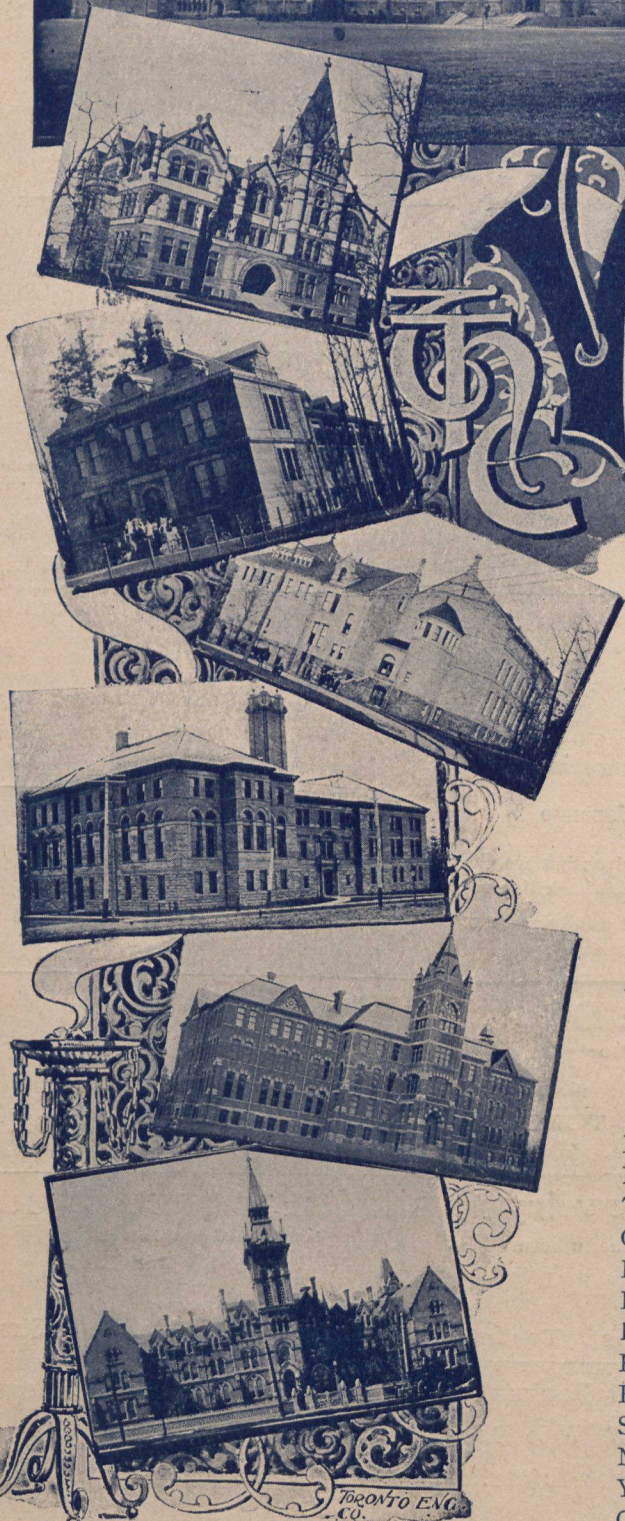
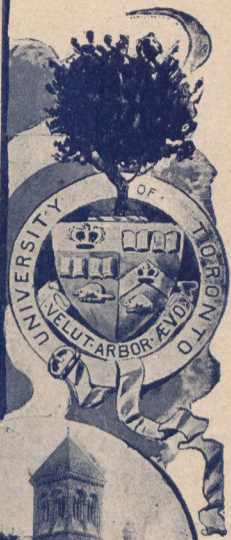


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THE LIFE OF BISHOP STRACHAN,

FIRST PRESIDENT OF KING'S COLLEGE.

II.

All his life, one might almost say, Bishop Strachan had been interested in education, but it is from 1837 to 1852 that his efforts in that direction are of especial interest to us; for that period saw the establishing of a Provincial University—an event which is in no small measure due to his untiring efforts.

We will now consider, however, the educational question, which had for a long time interested Bishop Strachan and upon which his life had so great an influence.

In the year 1807 the "Grammar Schools," which were provided for under the charter of 1797, were established, chiefly, it would seem, from the strenuous efforts of Dr. Strachan in this direction; and when he was appointed to a seat in the Executive Council he determined to use his influence towards the establishing of the long-projected University.

The act of 1797 had provided 500,000 acres of "waste lands," which were in the present state of the country almost valueless; so Dr. Strachan succeeded in inducing the Government to ask the Imperial authorities to exchange this land for the more saleable property of the crown reserves; and in order to be sure that the matter should receive the attention it deserved, he proceeded to England in 1826 to state his cause, and returned in 1827 eminently successful from his standpoint of view at least.

The amended charter provided for the exchange of the lands and the establishing of a college at or near York, to be called "King's College," with the style and privileges of a University. It moreover stipulated that the professors should be members of the Church of England, and subscribers to the thirty-nine articles. Thus the proposed *national* University was to be *denominational*, and also to be governed practically by the Church of England. Throughout the transaction, of course, the Doctor's hand is easily discernible.

The charter met with a very cold reception in Upper Canada, and was opposed very vigorously by many, who maintained that a national institution should in no wise be sectarian. Dr. Strachan argued that the Church of England was established by law in Canada, and since religion should form the basis of every youth's education, the proposed institution ought beyond a doubt to be under the control of the State Church; he also pointed to Oxford and Cambridge, where both the professors and students were required to be subscribers to the thirty-nine articles of the Common Book of Prayer.

From the time of the granting of the charter till 1837, a fierce controversy waged between the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly as to whether the new University should be sectarian or not; the former said it should, the latter maintained it should not, and it was not till 1837 that the two houses compromised and sent a joint memorandum to the Governor, which expunged the most objectionable features of the former charter, and left it almost non-sectarian.

This compromise was agreeable and the building of King's College was commenced on the present site of the new Parliament Buildings. In the meantime, however, studies were proceeded with at the old Parliament Buildings under the presidency of Dr. Strachan.

In 1843 one wing of the new college was completed, and studies were begun there on the 8th of June of that year, with Bishop Strachan as president still.

The charter of "King's College" was still objectionable to many who desired the complete secularization of the institution; but the attempts at changing the constitution were personally objected to by Bishop Strachan at the bar of the House. However, in spite of all he could do an Act was passed in 1849 which completely secularized the college, changed the name of "King's College" to that of the "University of Toronto"; and under that name it has continued to flourish and be of untold advantage both to the Province and Canada at large, and one is tempted to say of the United States also; for the graduates of Toronto University have brought, and are continuing to bring, their benign influence to bear upon the students of most of the universities across the line.

We must here leave the consideration of our University and follow the subject of this sketch, who now severed all connection with the University, whose first president he had been under the name of "King's College."

Foiled in all his zealous endeavors for the establishment of a sectarian University under the auspices of both the State and the Church of England, Bishop Strachan, at the age of seventy-two, addressed a pastoral to the members of the Episcopal Church calling for subscriptions for the founding of a sectarian University. This pastoral was well responded to, as was also an appeal to the Church in Great Britain, with the result that Bishop Strachan succeeded in the founding of a University after his own heart in Trinity University, but only after a trip to England in 1856, when he obtained the charter and a large amount of money from subscription.

This is also characteristic of the man, and is a grand example of tenacity of purpose and indomitable courage, for when he undertook this vast enterprise he was seventy-two years old; and yet he was eminently successful, and the University which he was instrumental in establishing has had a great part in the education of the young men of Canada.

Bishop Strachan was by this time well advanced in years, but was still active and took a keen interest in public affairs. He was especially interested in the question of the Clergy Reserves, which had in him a most energetic champion. In spite of all his efforts, however, to obtain a decision favorable to his church, the last great disappointment came to him when the matter was settled contrary to all his desires.

His tremendous vitality maintained him in good health until he was about eighty-two, when his heavy burden of years began to tell upon him; added to his age also in 1865 came the affliction of the death of his wife, and it was observed that he was never the same man after.

Bishop Strachan continued to preach until some few months before his death, which occurred on the 1st of November of 1867.

His death was a signal for general mourning, for the venerable old man had outlived all the enmities and jealousies of bye-gone days, and he was mourned alike by all. Business was suspended and everyone joined in showing respect for the dead ecclesiast, statesman and educationist; and the faculties and students of University of Toronto, Trinity, Victoria and Upper Canada College formed part of the procession to the grave.

In conclusion, I will give Dent's summing up of the subject of this sketch. "Bishop Strachan was a man by no means devoid of human frailties, and there were points in his character which savored more of the politician than of the ecclesiast. That his Christianity was sincere, however, and his Churchmanship zealous, are facts which no one acquainted with the circumstances of his long life will venture to deny. His memory is justly regarded with the reverence due to the strength of mind, unflinching courage, and life-long devotion to his principles. He lived through a critical period in the history of the Church of England in Upper Canada, and took a foremost part in all questions relating to its welfare." G. W. Ross, '99.

MORAL STORIES.

ADAPTED FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF READING LESSONS.

No. 1.—*Inquisitive Henry.*

When little Henry Jackson came to school he was told by all the lads of his acquaintance that he must never let himself be seen in the library. They said it was very bad form, and only plugs went there. But Henry was very inquisitive, and he thought he should like to see what there was in all the buildings. So one day he found himself sitting at a bench in the library, chewing his wad of gum and looking curiously about him. Soon he noticed that none of the plugs were chewing gum, and that they seemed to be contemplating him with great wonder and interest. Stealthily he removed his wad and stuck it up on the under side of the bench. But speedily the arduous toil of those about him began to make him ill and faint, and he was but too glad to make his escape. Then when it was too late, he remembered that he had left his wad of gum behind him. He resolved to go and seek it next morning. He took with him a book that he might read a while and so let no one guess he was looking for any thing. But, alas, he was not quite sure where he had been sitting. He took a place at random but his gum was not there! He dared not move about, for when he tried it, all the plugs looked at him as if they would gladly have knocked his head off, so little did they like to be disturbed in their industry. It is now many days since then, and every morning and afternoon he resumes his search, but in vain. The saddest of all is that he must always read a few pages in his book that the others may not suspect him. Poor little Henry! How well we may learn from his sad tale that an idle curiosity may lead us into the worst of temptations, and that if we once do wrong, we can not but continue to do so.

No. 2.—*Ungrateful Polly.*

Willie Jones has been at school only one year, but he has already developed an affection for Polly Smith. It is no common affection however. He says it is a *Platonio* one. Yet Polly has not developed a *Platonio* affection for Willie (nor in deed any other kind of an affection). She has been at school three years, and says Willie is but a silly boy.

One afternoon they both went to the *At Home* given by the boys and girls who are to leave school this year. Willie asked Polly for several promenades, but she said, turning up her nose, that she would like to have a few numbers with persons who were not quite children.

This was a most unkind speech, but Willie wiped his eyes and forgave her. He even nobly resolved to heap coals of fire upon her head. A happy thought came to him. Several of the lads about to leave school, who were much older than he, had spent all summer growing long luxurious whiskers. They looked quite aged and reverent, and, indeed, for some days after their return to school had been mistaken for their grand-papas. Willie went to Polly and said politely to her: "May I introduce some of my friends to you?" And she replied spitefully: "You may, if you will remember that I am not teaching a kindergarten." Willie made no response, but hastened off to a lad who had long luxurious whiskers. He told him that Polly had said she wished to meet him. (This was not quite true, but Willie preferred seeing Polly happy to being the father of his country.) The lad was much flattered, and he soon was asking Polly for a promenade. In the meantime Willie was looking for more lads who had whiskers. When he had introduced the second, Polly seemed very desirous of saying something to Willie, but he saw what she wished, and he was too modest to stay to let her thank him; he hastened to fetch up another of these lads. Now Polly suddenly went out into the hall, and tried to hide herself in the darkness. Willie well knew that she was now much ashamed of her harsh speeches, and thought to himself how wise he had been to heap coals of fire upon her head. He brought up yet another lad, who had whiskers down to his watch-pockets, and introduced him to her, and without waiting for Polly to ask his forgiveness he rejoined his companions. Polly walked about with three of the lads Willie had introduced to her, and then, although all her little friends seem unusually gay and glad-some, especially those who were near her, she said she was not feeling well. A voiding several lads with whiskers who hurried towards her with their promenade cards, she retired into the cloak-room and hastened home. But, strange to say, she has never spoken to Willie since; and although she wrote him a letter it was one which caused him much grief and pain. This story can not but teach us how prone many little girls are to reward kindness with ingratitude.

FESTE.

McGILL VS. VARSITY.

On Friday, January 28th, at 8 o'clock sharp, in the Conservatory of Music, corner of College Street and University Ave., the annual debate between McGill and Toronto will be held. The chair will be taken by Prof. G. M. Wrong. The program consists of musical selections, an essay by J. T. Shotwell, a reading by N. E. Hinch, and the debate. The subject is a live one, dealing with the English aristocracy's effect on the life of the nation. Messrs. J. G. Inkster and H. Munroe will defend the University of Toronto, and all who come will be treated to an enjoyable evening. The Literary Society have put forth extra effort to make this public function a success in every way, and would like to see the hall filled to overflowing when the program starts at 8 p.m. sharp. Students and friends all welcome.

Perhaps very few students are aware of the fact that our University has a Student Volunteer Band, which is making a name for itself in University circles, both in Canada and the States.

The Band of our University has been requested by the editor of the *Student Volunteer*, the official organ of the S.V.M., to unite with the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, and the North-western University of the States, in contributing articles on the workings of the Band in their respective colleges.

Our Band has sixteen volunteers, and meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock.

THE YEAR BOOK.

Some time ago, after a careful perusal of the Year Book, I jotted down some of the impressions received, intending to use them in the criticism which was sure to be called forth. This decision was not arrived at through any spirit of personal hostility to any or all of the members of the Board, who have presented us with such an artistic souvenir. On the contrary it is based on the right to criticise which the publication of any work bestows, whatever its nature may be. In further justification of my course, I must say that I am one of the many who were greatly disappointed with the work of the committee who undertook in the name of the class to write its history. Perhaps, too, this feeling is all the more acute because of the brilliant literary reputations with which the individual editors entered upon their labor of love. They, one and all (for the male portion of which I speak exclusively), were known to journalistic fame both in college and in the wider world without, and brought to their work a wealth of knowledge and experience possessed by no other students of the year. Rightly then did we look for a production of which we could all feel proud, and show with pride to those who might wish to see the record of our college life. We even dreamed expectantly of the gems of literature which the judges thereof and the prize of \$5.00 should preserve in lasting form for us of less fitting discernment. But what a rude awakening. In a book replete with many admirable features, which cannot be too highly praised, we found obtruded a spirit of personal ill-will in certain of a succession of biographies ranging from a page to half a dozen of lines, from a spirit of glorification to cowardly, anonymous attack. To this was added a purely literary department, thoughtfully labelled such, as if to strengthen by implication the fact that much of what preceded was far from literary.

Glancing over this department I was rather surprised to find only one production (an excellent one) from a member of the class, who, by the way, was also a member of the Editorial Board; all the other contributions, with one exception, being from the pens of graduates. Surely here was food for reflection. How could this arise in the book of all books especially devoted to the year? Was it because of utter lack of literary ability on the part of our classmates? Hardly so, because some of them have written for the press, and written most acceptably. Was it then that their productions failed to satisfy the ultra literary taste of the editors and failed to reach the lofty pinnacle upon which the \$5.00 was placed, or was it that they failed to respond to the urgent and enticing invitation extended to them, from a feeling that the Year Book was no affair of their own, but merely the venture of a committee by no means representative of the class. Whether one or both of these reasons prevented a more spontaneous contribution from the great body of the students we do not care to say. It is only too obvious that those who undertook the work failed to meet with general approval.

I would gladly pass over the biographies (?) were it not that such might be construed as tacit approval. All are by no means bad; some are clever, but unfortunately others are not. In the case of these never was more unmitigated trash foisted upon members of a graduating class, in the fond hope that they would turn the other cheek and cheerfully yield up the price demanded in return for the petty personalities aimed at them: of these just one example. It must indeed require colossal nerve to inform one member of our class that "he has made very few acquaintances during his four years at college," because perchance he evinced a desire to select his own company. This is the spirit which unfortunately pervades too many of the biographical sketches. Of some of the other dis-

tingtive features of the book, the antiquated jokes, the impenetrable wit, the extreme mathematical finesse displayed in the relative rating of legs, swaggers and pompadors, what need to speak. They all betoken a marvellous misapplication of a high order of genius.

Had the editors confined themselves to this innocent nonsense, no one could complain of wounded sensibilities, but such is not the case. There are many at whom back-thrusts have been aimed, but in none does the spirit of revenge appear more clearly than in the covert attack upon Mr. Macfarlane. Who the author of that effusion is I don't know and should be indeed sorry to know; whoever he may be, he has proved beyond a doubt the success of the object ascribed to Mr. Macfarlane. Never was bray clearer or more unmistakable than that on page 221 Torontonensis.

Time and space precluded calling attention to the many other features of this book, so attractive and yet so repellent. A splendid opportunity to produce a work worthy of the class and worthy of the University has been lost by the unpopular policy of those who undertook it. Instead of a book in which we might look with pleasure for facts about each student, and for student literature, we have a delightful souvenir marred by sickly inanities and bitter personalities. We have a production which any student of taste would hesitate to bring forward as the work of his graduating class, and say that it represents the elevation of thought to which that class had attained. People would be aghast to find school-boy thought and less than school-boy language in the last college work of the class of '98.

It has been urged by some, by way of apology, that the Year Book being a first attempt should not be criticized too harshly, but met in a spirit of kindly indulgence. If this means that all first efforts are essentially juvenile, we bow to the inevitable; but at the same time we fail to see any logical reason whereby this includes license to indulge in what must surely leave a legacy of unpleasant memories. It is a matter of genuine regret that there should be such lack of consideration, especially in view of the permanent nature of the book. However, what's done is done. All that is left for those who disapprove of a work which, to quote Mr. Inkster's prophetic words, "is not at all of an inviting nature," is to place themselves on record.

But should the Business Manager relent and publish Vol. II, so dimly foreshadowed on page 56 and so eagerly looked for, we fervently hope that his literary aides will strive to attain a somewhat higher ideal, though their heroic altruism should again force them to "accept their positions after many refusals and with much reluctance."

J. T. A. SMITHSON.

It is reported that while prospecting this fall in the Rainy River District, Mr. Lawson made some very valuable finds of gold and will probably again renew his prospecting as soon as spring opens.



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The College Girl.

"The College Girl's" best friend, "Carr, '98," has deserted her, her friend of a week ago has disappeared, and the Fates, disguised as the Editorial Board, have thrown the poor unfortunate upon the tender mercies of one of her old admirers, who has always been accustomed to regard her from a safe and respectful distance. By next week it is to be hoped that the editors of VARSITY will have found a permanent substitute for "Carr" and her two short-lived followers.

Doubtless the reason why we girls are not all clamoring for the position of woman reporter on the staff of VARSITY is, that we are beginning to feel greatly impressed with the amount of college work that we have to get done before May day dawns, and we have not yet begun to get over the effects of our New Year's resolution to work hard—very hard. When, in two or three weeks, we have recovered our normal condition of mind, probably we shall be amenable to reason, which tells us we should all do our share in working for the common good of our Alma Mater.

Leaving studies out of consideration then, perhaps *Sesame* is still the main subject of interest amongst the college girls, who have all been reading the magazine, and congratulating the Editorial and Business Boards on its success. But however much we may admire our own productions, we are always glad to find that outsiders are appreciating our work. The girls as a whole, and the editors of *Sesame* in particular, were delighted to receive from the Countess of Aberdeen a congratulatory telegram containing the request for fifteen copies of our magazine. Lady Marjorie Gordon, too, doubtless feeling that she is a college girl, as well as a contributor to the pages of *Sesame*, sent a bright, appreciative letter to the editors. The press has its kindly word of commendation. The following clipping is taken from last Saturday's *Mail and Empire*:

"*Sesame*, '98, in old English characters, is the title scrolled in relief on the sage green cover, which contains the cream of the literary work of the women students of University College during the year. The exquisite taste displayed in the finish of the dainty little volume, bound with its bow of gold ribbon, and the excellent judgment shown in the choice of its material, have captivated everyone who has seen it, and reflect great credit upon the young ladies who have had the enterprise in charge. The illustrations are not numerous, but they are admirably executed in tone and finish, and are printed on the best paper. But the main feature of the publication is the collection of short stories, essays, and poems, contributed by the lady graduates and undergraduates of the college. The initial number is an artistic and thoughtful New Year sketch, entitled "December, 31," from the pen of Lady Marjorie Gordon. The other contributions, all well worth reading, are —." Then follows the list of contents.

Y. W. C. A.

At the second meeting of the Y.W.C.A. for this term, we had the pleasure of an address by Rev. Dr. Potts, who in a few simple, practical, kindly words, set before us "The Pleasures of Piety." Religion is essentially cheerful and joyful—in all her ways—in ways of worship, of fellowship, of work. "Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace"—Prov. iii. 17. It is to be regretted that there are so many "deadheads" in the Church of God—people who, while professed Christians, yet never interest themselves in work for Christ, but are borne along by the

comparatively few real workers. Part of a Christian's work is the study—*hard* study—of the Bible. The Bible is like nature, simple, yet in many places exceedingly difficult. The best things are to be had by digging for them. Apart altogether from its divine origin, the Bible is the greatest book in the world. It treats of prophetic, historical, and doctrinal problems. As their chart on the ocean of life, it should be earnestly studied by all Christians. The Master's "Well Done" is not reserved for the Judgment Day. It may be heard even now. The answer to the frequent question, "What should I do," may be found in the fact that the more we do for others the more we do for ourselves. And yet, meditation should not be forgotten, as it might be in the very rush of religious duties and Christian work. A few moments of meditation, here and there, are of great benefit to the joyous, spiritual life.

Dr. Potts referred several times to Lord Tennyson's life and poetry in illustration of his theme. In conclusion, he spoke of the great responsibility resting upon those who enjoy the advantage of a university training.

The attendance was a considerable increase on that of the previous week. There is still, however, room for improvement.

The committee of the Women's Literary Society are busy preparing a list of the members' friends that are to be invited to the annual "At Home," which will be held early in February. Invitations will be out in a few days.

JUNIOR.

MR. WALKER'S LECTURE ON BANKING.

The last meeting of the Political Science Club, held on Thursday the 20th inst., was probably one of the most notable in the history of the association. Mr. B. E. Walker, general manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, a member of the University Senate and incidentally probably the greatest authority in banking in America, lectured before an audience of students, which was very large, considering the condition of the weather, and keenly appreciative.

Mr. Stapleton Caldecott occupied the chair and introduced Mr. Walker.

Mr. Walker chose as his subject "The Present Condition of Banking in North America." Needless to say the subject was handled in a masterly manner.

In announcing his subject, the speaker showed that while the banking system of Canada has caused little or no trouble to the people of the country; on the other side of the line they had not been so fortunate, and there was scarcely a man or woman living in the United States who had not at some period in their lives felt the result of the unsatisfactory and unsafe system of banking. One of the causes of this state of affairs is that in the States the responsibility is scattered. Each state has the right to establish national banks while here this right lies with the central government alone. The lecturer showed how this condition of affairs had been brought about, and gave a short sketch of the "tea-pot" banking experiments of the U. S. government, advising it to go out of the banking business altogether. One result of the large number of banks—about 15,000 in all—was that the value of money in different sections of the country, varied greatly. This was not the case in Canada. Here we have fewer banks, but the splendid system of branches permits free and perfectly safe financial communication from one end of the country to the other.

Mr. Walker concluded by giving figures showing the advance made in banking in Canada, and gave it as his opinion that no great disaster could occur under the present well-nigh perfect system.

A hearty vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Walker on motion of Mr. Hoskin and Prof. Mavor.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

About half-past eight on Friday night J. G. Merrick, B.A., called the forty-one members of the Literary Society assembled in the Students' Union to order. "Jimmie," said it was an unexpected honor, but that Vice-President Carson had requested him to take the chair, and he had gladly consented, the more readily as he had come to say a few words to the members on a very important subject.

Fred McKay gave notice of motion that he would nominate a committee to confer with the other colleges in regard to forming a dramatic company for next Hallowe'en. Charlie Carson brought in the report of the Conversat Committee, which in substance was, that the Conversat would be held on February 4th, that the Council had seen fit to allow the customary dance to be held, that an orchestra would be placed in the rotunda for those who desired to promenade, that the tickets would be limited to six hundred, and that they would cost \$1.50 each.

Fred Harper was chosen by acclamation to represent the Lit. at Wycliffe "At-Home" next Friday. W. Fred McKay and N. R. D. Sinclair were elected debaters to S.P.S. debate.

After these elections Charlie Carson moved that the Literary Society favored presenting a play on Hallowe'en. He thought it would be a favorable move in many respects, and he asked Mr. McEntee to say something in regard to the scheme.

Chairman Merrick was decidedly in favor of the proposal, and desired to say that if the scheme were carried into effect and proved a success that all credit should revert to Mr. McEntee, who had hit on the idea and brought it before the students in *College Topics*.

Mr. McEntee was then called on, and said that the great advantages of this scheme were self-evident. It would draw out the latent dramatic abilities which a university the size of Toronto must have; it would assuredly meet with a very large patronage; it would, he thought, reimburse the coffers of the Literary Society as nothing else could; at any rate there was everything to gain and nothing to lose. He favored a partial amalgamation with the Glee Club.

Billy Alexander thought it would bring us into closer relations with the American universities, as nearly all of the leading universities over the border had dramatic clubs.

Jimmie Merrick advocated renting Massey Hall, and limiting to students as much as possible. He said it would be impossible to get an Opera House without paying a percentage. He thought there were the greatest chances and no risks.

Mr. Harper then seconded Mr. Carson's motion, and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Malcolm, of the Freshman year, then favored the society with a reading, or rather a monologue, from Mark Twain's "Innocents Abroad." His French accent was perfect, and his impersonation of the old doctor's deliberateness was excellent. The selection was one of the best heard at the Lit. in years. Mr. Malcolm may be assured of many encores. Freddie Smith moved him a vote of thanks, which carried unanimously. Mr. Malcolm very modestly disclaimed any remarkable ability, but thanked the boys for their appreciation.

The debate which followed was "Resolved, that departmental stores are at the present day injurious to the community at large." Messrs. Cohen and LeSeur of '99 were on the affirmative, and Messrs. Perkins and Martin, '98, on the negative, this being one of the inter-year debates.

All of the speakers were good. The subject, however, having been discussed at length in the daily papers very

recently, admitted of very few new arguments. I am inclined to think that Mr. Perkins made the best speech. The chairman said it was very hard for him to decide, as the arguments advanced by both sides were good. He thought, however, that as it was necessary for him to give a decision one way or another that he would have to give '98 the debate.

I got home about eleven o'clock.

COMUS.

HOCKEY MATCH WITH WINNIPEG.

On Wednesday night, for the first time this year, the good people of Toronto were treated to the blood-stirring accents of old Varsity's much-abused slogan when the boys in blue and white contested with the picked team from Winnipeg for the honors of the ice. It was a battle royal. From 8.30, when the referee first blew his whistle, to the end of the game, the excitement was maintained at the highest pitch. Rosy-cheeked maidens requested to be tied to their chairs to keep them from leaping over the railing, and grave escorts had to use all the will-power at their disposal to prevent themselves from making naughty exclamations to the horror of their fair companions. At only one stage of the game had either side a lead of more than one goal, and that was shortly after the beginning of the second half, when a hot shot by Snell made the score 3 to 1 in Varsity's favor. But the Westerners suddenly took a brace, and Waldie had the chagrin of seeing the puck go past him three times in quick succession. Then Isbester, by possibly the most graceful rush of the evening, succeeded in tying the score. Again the men from the prairie scored, and again Snell tied the score, but the goal judge had been taking a nap, and claimed there was no goal. And so when time was called Winnipeg had five goals to their credit while Varsity had but four.

Of the team, Snell and Shepherd on the forward line, Scott at point, and Waldie in goal, showed their old-time brilliancy. McArthur at cover, played a hard, fast game, but was inclined to follow the puck too much. His company seemed to be just a little too fast for Elliott. Isbester did not sully the fair reputation he brought with him from Ottawa in the slightest. They make a strong septette, and we hope to see them play their fast, gentlemanly game many times before the south winds blow.

POEM.

Written by Wordsworth at the age of twelve, after eating his tea.

The teas we eat, my dear young friends,
Do form a long, thin line,
Which backward, backward, still extends
Through the dark aisles of Time.

We feel we are a child again;
The change so slow has been
Between the time for one tea and
The time for it again.

Yet boy to man has grown and swelled
In these short chips of time;
Which is the reason why I have
Put this stuff into rhyme.

NOTE TO THE EDITOR: The amateur style of this beautiful poem is intentional. This might perhaps not be apparent at first sight.

R. M. CHASE, '98.

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THERE are few things more difficult for any man than the problem of how to apportion properly his time—the problem of how much time he may safely devote to those duties and interests which lie outside of his ordinary business. And, in the case of the student, this difficulty is considerably increased. Under the stress of our curriculum, a vast amount of work has to be done in the course of the year; if it is not done steadily and regularly, the congested mass of work which confronts us before the examination is enough to appal any man. And yet we are free to neglect it if we will. We are under no taskmasters who force us to toil unceasingly, but woe to the man who disregards the evil day approaching until it is too late to prepare for the ordeal.

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This condition of affairs tends to two extreme mistakes, into one or other of which we, as students, are only too apt to fall. Some men may waste their time and energies throughout the year on things quite outside their academic studies, and thus miss the real object they came here to attain. We think this class in our University is very small. There are but few men who have not the necessary strength of purpose to take proper advantage of their opportunities.

But there is another class of students, who err just as seriously in the opposite direction. The work before them looms up in all its huge proportions. They contemplate it steadfastly, and become impressed with the necessity for energetic and persevering effort. This blinds them to other phases of their college life—no less real and important, and no less claiming a portion of their interest. Unto such as these are the words of this editorial homily specially directed.

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We feel prompted to say something in this vein, as most of our readers will surmise, by the announcement of the Annual Conversazione for next week. This is the one

great social event of our college year. It is the one occasion upon which we can entertain our friends outside the University who do so much to render our stay in Toronto a pleasant one. It is the one social function in which all join, and in the success of which all are interested. For these reasons, and others that might be given, we bespeak for this year's conversazione the hearty support of every undergraduate. Let us lay aside our text-books for this one evening—we can safely accept the freedom which our College Council is so willing to grant—and putting all the thoughts of the terrors of May out of our minds for a few hours, let us unite to make this conversazione for 1898 one long to be remembered in the history of the University.

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And just here we might refer to a point raised by Mr. Inkster's letter in our last issue. It is entirely true, as he points out, that our social gatherings are far too frequent. Says Mr. Inkster: "There are a number of petty affairs taking up a great deal of the students' time and money, unworthy even of mention, that should be wiped out of existence," and we heartily agree with him. If we could have two or three recognized social functions each year, of a general character, and calculated to foster a college, rather than a class, spirit, it would be a vast improvement. Mr. Inkster favors replacing the present Literary Society by two new societies—one of a business character that would control all student affairs, and another of purely literary character that would unite all the present departmental societies into one.

Whether the remedy proposed by Mr. Inkster would have the desired effect or not may be open to question. It would be an experiment with new and untried machinery, but with no definite assurance of better results than at present. We have but little faith in the value of mere machinery. If a healthier college spirit were infused into what we possess already, we would be nearer the end aimed at, than by merely making for ourselves a new system that would involve radical, and perhaps injurious, changes in the present organization of student societies, and would be in any case merely an experiment. It is a scheme worthy of our serious consideration; but, in a matter of such far-reaching importance, we cannot proceed too slowly.

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To-morrow night the Literary Society will hold its second Public Meeting for this year on the occasion of the Inter-collegiate Debate with McGill. And we hope it will not be considered unbecoming or presumptuous on our part if THE VARSITY offers a word of counsel to the undergraduate portion of the audience. In all student gatherings there is bound to be and ought to be a certain display of student enthusiasm. But in our public gatherings of late years we believe this has often been carried to a ridiculous excess. Very often the uproar has prevented speakers from continuing for quite an interval. And, at the last Public Debate, the Glee Club had to stop in the middle of a selection till they could get a better hearing. This ten-

dency should certainly be checked before it goes to such an extreme.

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When we arrange for a public meeting of this kind, elect debaters, readers and essayists, and invite our friends to come and enjoy the entertainment, it is neither fair to the one nor courteous to the other to give such vent to our boisterous feelings. We all smiled to read in Mr. Stringer's description of Oxford life, of the funereal solemnity to be found in student gatherings there, which may reflect the staid and sober dignity of the Old World, but would certainly not reflect the youthful animation of the New. Surely, we may find some happy medium between this ultra-seriousness of demeanor and the Red Indian behavior of some Western students.

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We are not now finding fault with any legitimate expression of undergraduate spirit. A witty interruption or a pointed joke is always welcome, and good-natured banter of a speaker, within reasonable bounds, is entirely enjoyable. But when the changes are rung on some peculiarity of style or expression, or a few aged puns or jokes are made to serve for a whole evening, as has been done not infrequently, it but proves the meagre resources of the would-be funny ones, and produces "that tired feeling" in all who have any right sense of the fitness of things. Were it possible to imagine that any words of ours would put a damper on any lawful display of our feelings, we should regret that we had spoken. We are simply advocating a little more thoughtfulness and moderation, and in so doing we know that we are seconded by the better sense of every undergraduate.

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We had hoped to have received ere this some reply to the adverse criticism which the Year Book has aroused, and we are disappointed because some one who is familiar with Year Books in general, and with the making of our own Year Book in particular, has not seen fit to take up the cudgels in its defence. It is certainly not because the Year Book is without merits. Perhaps its friends believe these merits to be so great and apparent that no defence is necessary. They are certainly not without reason. The book is a beautiful production on its artistic side, as every one must admit. And on its literary side the critics who have attacked it have dwelt on only a small portion of the whole work. It is unfortunate, however, that any portions should have been introduced that could cause such suspicions as have been so freely expressed by our contributors. In similar American publications the features which rouse such objections here are however much more offensive—even professors being made the butt in many cases. It was a bold and courageous undertaking for the men and women who took hold of this enterprise and they cannot be praised too highly for breaking the ground and paving the way for a bright succession of Year Books in our University. Let us turn our attention to the better qualities of *Torontonensis*, and we shall find no dearth of them.

In the very nature of the case the *mauvais pas* of the Editorial Board were well nigh inevitable. Those of us who had nothing to do with the work cannot appreciate the difficulties to be encountered. We should like to see someone write a more favorable criticism of *Torontonensis*

than any of those which we have yet received. To any such the columns of THE VARSITY are wide open.

We do not wish THE VARSITY, by the one-sided tone of its contributions on this matter, to have the appearance of carrying on any crusade against a work which, in spite of a few blemishes, is worthy of our support.

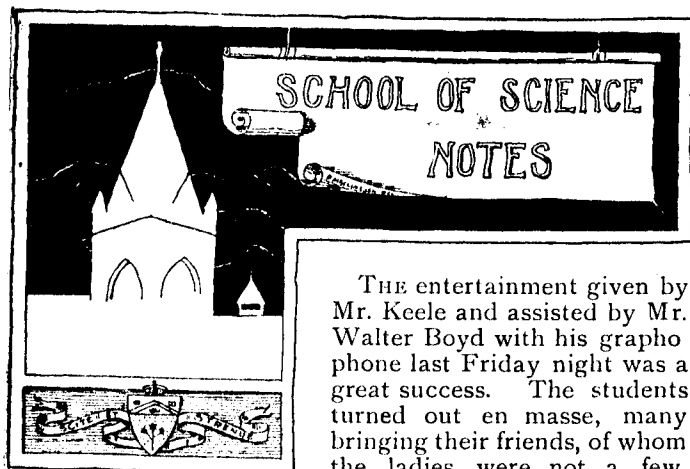
EX-EDITOR AND EDITOR.

Editor VARSITY :—

DEAR SIR,—A paragraph in your editorials of last week contains an insinuation against my integrity which I can no longer pass over in silence. During the latter part of my term as editor of VARSITY A. E. McFarlane wrote to the paper a note making an insinuation so similar that I cannot but think that they both emanated from the same source. So ridiculous was it to charge me with garbling the articles of correspondents that I trusted to the good sense of VARSITY readers to know that it was utterly untrue, and accordingly I published Mr. McFarlane's note without any comment. Never yet have I troubled myself to reply to anything he has written, nor shall I till he has outgrown the childishness that he now manifests in everything that he says and does. But an editorial in the college paper, whoever be its author, cannot be ignored so readily. However, I have now no intention of entering into any public discussion of my position. As you, sir, re-echoed Mr. McFarlane's insinuation so gratuitously, and as you were present at the meeting of the Editorial Board when I explained clearly that Mr. McFarlane's article was published just as it was given to me by the Board, I must ask you to state publicly the facts of the case. Since you have gone out of your way to cast an unwarranted slur upon my conduct as editor I must require you, in justice to myself, to withdraw your insinuation and to explain as soon as possible to the readers of VARSITY what I explained to you and Mr. McFarlane and the other members of the Editorial Board. Yours truly,

BURRISS GAHAN.

[NOTE.—Verily the way of the editor, like that of the transgressor, is hard. Last week, we were told by Mr. McFarlane that we had misrepresented his opinions on Residence in our editorials. In a spirit of fair play we strove to set him right, but as we see now we worded our correction very clumsily. Mr. Gahan charges us now with making insinuations and going "out of our way to cast an unwarranted slur upon his conduct." Nothing was further from our thoughts. Mr. Gahan asks us to state publicly the facts of the case. As far as our memory serves us they are these. Mr. McFarlane wrote an article on Residence which was submitted by Mr. Gahan to the Editorial Board. The latter authorized its publication in THE VARSITY. Later, after the article had gone to the printer, Mr. McFarlane desired to make certain changes in it and these Mr. Gahan could not see his way clear to allow. He believed that he was under obligation to have the article published just as it left the Editorial Board. Mr. McFarlane's changes were very radical in some cases, as he himself states, but Mr. Gahan did not read them as he thought them unjustified. Now we can conceive it quite possible that Mr. McFarlane made the correction as he says, but that Mr. Gahan was not aware of such having been made at all; we confess to a slip of the pen in saying that Mr. McFarlane expressed this different opinion "in another portion of the same article." It was not in the article proper, but was intended by Mr. McFarlane to be inserted into the article before the latter was finally printed. We are very sorry this misunderstanding has arisen, and we hope our explanation may be satisfactory to Mr. Gahan.—Ed. VARSITY.]



THE entertainment given by Mr. Keele and assisted by Mr. Walter Boyd with his graphophone last Friday night was a great success. The students turned out en masse, many bringing their friends, of whom the ladies were not a few. President H. S. Carpenter re-

quested Mr. Boyd to open the meeting with some selections. Every one was surprised at the distinctness and loudness of these, for it was almost like listening to the original music. Then followed a collection of very fine and beautiful views by Mr. Keele. These were photographs of the old historic cathedrals and monastries taken by him when in England. During intermission some more selections were given by Mr. Boyd, and then Mr. Keele finished his exhibit. But there was still a lot of graphophone music on the shelf. This was now given to us, one piece after the other until with the continuous encoring Willie had exhausted his stock.

At a mass meeting held last week a committee, with Mr. Rosebrugh as chairman, was elected to look after the decoration of the rooms allotted to scientific exhibits from the S.P.S. at the University Conversat, 4th Feb.

The quietness that usually reigns in and about the school was unexpectedly broken a few days ago. Passers-by were attracted by and they listened to the sweet music that was being wafted to their ears by the balmy breezes of January, '98. Then they wondered if the council of the school had made a new departure and had added music as another subject to the curriculum of the school. You know if a man can sing a good song out among the miners he will always stand a good chance of getting on well with them. At any rate they thought if they hadn't made music one of the subjects of the school, the boys seemed well able to cultivate that accomplishment themselves. For they were doing it very well at the above mentioned time.

As one drew nearer and nearer to this harmonic chorus, the voices of several of the songsters could easily be distinguished above the others. Jack Elliot with his powerful bass poured forth such a volume of sound that, it is claimed, he broke some of the glassware in the adjoining laboratory. Burnside, leader and conductor, with his elegant baritone voice, could be heard trying to drown all the others. Whether he accomplished his object or not is a disputed question. But some say he had an advantage over the rest of the boys, because he happened to have a pair of bellows, or I believe it was his bicycle pump to help him keep a good supply of wind on hand. If this is true, we think he ought to apologize to his year for using such unfair means. Clothier's bird-like soprano fairly held his audience spell-bound. His high notes were so sweet and taken so easily that if your eyes had been closed you could easily imagine yourself listening to some noted prima donna. Why! even Prof. Ellis was unable to move (into the room) for over fifteen minutes, having been entranced during this time by the music.

A narrow escape occurred a few days ago in the

chemical laboratory. Some strong acid was accidentally spilled over the trousers of P. C. McArthur. It was so sudden and the acid did its work so quickly that before he knew it the seat of his pants had fallen out onto the floor. Luckily for him the acid stopped at his trousers. The escape refers to what might have happened had not the narrow space intervened.

The second year have again shown their adherence to the exploded theory that the green color supposed to be characteristic of the first year men is soluble in water.

There seems to be a great feeling of mystery prevailing the first and second years for the last two or three days. Hurried and subdued councils are the order of the day. Whether or not this unrest betokens another uprising or "scrap" between these two troublesome years, is doubtful. But it is certainly evident to everyone, that they would enjoy one more good tussle and scrimmage before the school term ends. The only drawback is the severe restrictions and the punishment they would receive.

The first year seems to have against the second year a grudge which they would have very much pleasure to even up. It is commonly reported that one of the popular members of the freshmen class (also of last year's freshmen) wandered, unfortunately for himself, into the second year drafting rooms. And he conducted himself in such a way as to make himself obnoxious to the peace-loving students the sophomores. Of course they resented this, and as a result this particular fresh freshmen went under the tap. This operation only took about half a minute, since there was no opposition on the part of the victim. Consequently he has not ventured again near the place of his execution, nor in fact any other members of his class. We hope they will find some way of getting even with their enemies.

Mr. G—e H—1, with his smiling face, appeared at the open meeting of the Engineering Society in company with one of Toronto's charming young ladies. It is hardly necessary to say that he was the object of envy of all his fellow-students. We must compliment him on his good taste, and hope he may have success in winning her affections.

MESSRS. BLACK AND FITZGERALD ENTERTAIN.

It is seldom that feminine eyes are allowed to penetrate into the recesses of The Residence, but on Saturday afternoon last the old rooms of the Fourth House reëchoed to the unwonted sounds of girlish laughter and orchestral music. The occasion of all the merriment was an At-Home given by Mr. George H. Black and Mr. W. G. Fitzgerald, of the senior year, to fifty or sixty of their friends. The house was very tastily decorated, the rickety old banisters being draped with bunting, and the discolored walls being hidden by rich curtains and other draperies. Palms and flowers nestled in every corner. In the two corridors there was a profusion of rugs, and the whole house presented a very cosy appearance. The guests were received in Mr. Black's pretty sitting-room, and then a large number of them found their way upstairs to Mr. FitzGerald's suite where there were seats and curtains galore. From the recesses of another room came the sweet strains of Glionna's orchestra and in another apartment refreshments were served by Webb. Several members of the faculty were present, and Mrs. W. H. Fraser and Miss Salter graciously assisted in receiving the guests. Among those invited were some friends of Mr. FitzGerald from Ottawa, and several of Mr. Black's city friends. The At-Home was certainly the prettiest ever given in The Residence, and Messrs. Black and FitzGerald are to be heartily congratulated on the entire success of their most enjoyable reception.

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"THE NOVEL: ITS ORIGIN AND USE."

As Prof. Alexander remarked at the beginning of his lecture, the subject he had chosen had a peculiar merit in that it appealed to everyone; and it did so to such a degree that almost as many were turned away from the Students' Union hall as gained access.

The Professor pointed out that, although the novel was so widely, indeed universally read to-day, its history was unfamiliar to the majority of its readers. He said that its birth was very recent compared with the story, epic, drama or song; and that two hundred years ago the novel as we know it to-day did not exist.

The Professor then distinguished between a novel and a story and pointed out that, although Gulliver's Travels and Pilgrim's Progress were stories they were not novels because they were mainly didactic. He then defined a novel as being "an imaginative prose narrative, whose object was to tell a story; and in so far as a novelist departed from this central idea just so far does he depart from the typical novel."

"Some people," he continued, "defend novels in general because a number are didactic, but this didactic quality I hold to be a defect in the novel."

He then showed how the novel arose from the story, and that the distinction between those two very similar things was to a great extent the superficial one of length. A story *must* be short while a novel is almost necessarily long. He pointed out, however, that beneath this superficial quality of length a novel attempted to reproduce human life and natural occurrences; for example, Penderennis, while a story, attracted interest from the wonderful or unusual incidents related; for example King Solomon's Mines or Jules Verne's stories of the moon, etc.; in fact a novelist depended on characterization chiefly for success, while a story-teller based his hopes on incident. And here he found the proof of his statement that a novel depended on length; because a story, merely, could be condensed, while a novel required length to enable truthful characterization. He then further defined a novel as "an imaginative prose narrative which aims at presenting, through plot and characterization, a picture of human life."

He illustrated the character of the so-called Elizabethan novels by Arcadia, showing how the authors at that time used the novel as a means of displaying great ingenuity in the use of language. He attributed the evolution of the novel in a great degree to the widening of the circle of the reading public brought about by the greater

perfection of the printing press and consequent more rapid production of books. He showed how the novel satisfied the desires of the many who were unable to attend the theatre, which was up to that time almost the only medium of seeing human life and incidents portrayed.

The Professor then continued to trace the history of novel from the type Arcadia, through the great precursor of the modern novel Gil Blas, to Defoe's works in the beginning of the 18th century, culminating in fundamental development, at least, in the works of Richardson and Fielding.

The social development was, as he pointed out, a great reason for the appearance and popularity of the novel, creating a necessity which demanded a supply; and as the finer feelings were portrayed in the novel in distinction to the drama a higher cultivation and greater appreciation of the finer qualities of human life were necessary for the appreciation of the novel; and thus the decay of the drama is related closely to the rise of the novel.

Having pointed out the origin, and his conception of what a novel is, he proceeded to explain its use. How men were confined in experiences by the routine of daily life and in the novel found a broadening of their experiences and sympathies and a consequent enlarger of life.

He referred now to the abuse of novels, to be found in the "dime-novels" for example, and remarked "There is no larger proportion of false biography, science, ethics or theology, but the safety in these other departments lies in fact that they are but little read."

Not only did novels widen our experiences, but they also quickened our interest in life and sharpened our observations.

In conclusion he referred to the almost numberless characters of fiction that throng upon our memory, and said: "I think there needs no other plea for novels than the many hours of happy and innocent enjoyment, of solace, of freedom from depression and weariness, which the great magicians of the world of fiction have provided for their readers."

At the close of the lecture Prof. Alexander announced that Prof. Robinson of Knox College would deliver next Saturday's lecture in the Biological building on the subject "Palestine." This lecture will be illustrated.

UNWORTHY.

There's such a barrier 'twixt you and I,
That though each bitter day were spent in fight;
E'en till the closing of Death's final night,
Yet would it darken all our mutual sky.

Oh! were it aught the barren world holds high,
That keeps me hidden from the earnest light
Of thy pure eyes, I'd hurl a Titan's might
To save the hope I suffer now to die.

If I were only worthy, love, to keep
The hallowed memory of *one* reverent kiss,
Till the drear after-years should slowly roll
Their kindly darkness o'er the troubled deep!
But I will seek no nearer joy than this—
To bless thee for the beauty of thy soul.

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McGill debate to-morrow night in the Conservatory of Music. Let everybody come.

Rev. Wm. Patterson this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Y.M.C.A. A great treat is in store for all who attend.

At the University of Heidelberg, students taking a laboratory course are now required to take out an accident insurance policy.

Principal Grant, of Queen's College, Kingston, has decided to allow only bona fide undergraduates to play on the football team hereafter.

Knox College formed a hockey club last week to be officered as follows: President, Harper Gray, B.A.; Captain, R. W. Dickie, B.A.; Sec.-Treas., A. W. Hare.

Messrs. Barron, Craw, Davidson and Anderson represented our Y.M.C.A. at the Convention in Brantford last week, and took an active part in the business of the gathering.

In last week's Corridor Cullings it was stated that the St. Michael's Dramatic Society had gone on a tour to Brantford, Galt and Guelph. This was a mistake. It was the Nelson Stock Company.

The total attendance of students at Harvard this year is 3,045 against 2,892 in 1896. Of this number 1,814 are in the college, 407 in the Lawrence Scientific School, 278 in the Graduate School, and 546 in the Law School.

Last Tuesday evening a Burns' Supper was given by Knox Students. All the orthodox Scotch dishes—including haggis—were provided, and the birthday of Scotland's great poet was loyally celebrated. We may have a fuller report next week.

At 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon the Mathematical and Physical Society hold a ladies' meeting. Miss Northway, '98, will read a paper on "The British Association." A debate on "Resolved, that Modern Languages is a better training for women than Mathematics," will be held, Misses Dawson, '98, and Hall, '99, taking the affirmative, and Misses Wooster, '99, and Macdonald, '01, the negative. Misses Moore, '98, and Harvey, '98, will conduct "Physical Experiments." All are invited.

The University of Chicago gives eighty scholarships and fellowships aggregating \$20,000. Harvard gives 115 scholarships of \$225 each. Yale gives \$30,000 to needy students. At Cornell 125 students receive free education, and there are given in addition to this twenty-seven scholarships of \$200 each. Columbia gives twenty-nine scholarships of an average value of \$200.

Prof. Robinson, who is to lecture on "Palestine" in the Biological Building on Saturday, will amply repay all who go to hear him. Since coming to Knox College about a year ago, Prof. Robinson has become famous among us for his splendid powers as a public speaker. He has travelled in the East, and knows his subject thoroughly. The lecture will be illustrated.

At the Modern Language Club meeting last Monday afternoon, Miss Henry, '98, read a thoughtful paper on "Robert Browning"; and W. Rea, a splendid sketch of Byron. Next Monday afternoon the French Vaudeville will be the topic. Scribe will be taken up by Miss E. M. Sealey, '99, and Labiche by Mr. R. H. Rowland, '98.

The Medical College at Tokio, Japan, has 1000 women students

An open meeting of the Natural Science Association will be held in the Biological Buildings on Friday evening, February 11. In the Lecture Room a programme will be given, consisting of addresses by Dr. Sheard and Dr. Bensley, and a fine musical programme, after which the Museum will be open for inspection. Keep the date open for it, and watch for further particulars concerning it.

The editors of the VARSITY would like to urge upon the readers of the paper the duty of helping to provide news for this department of Corridor Cullings. We cannot make news. Often when the printer is clamoring for more "copy" we wish we could. But we are anxious to make this department complete and interesting, and with your help we can do so. Let everyone who knows any personal or news item of interest to VARSITY readers jot it down and hand it to the janitor, addressed to THE VARSITY. If all would do this there would be no lack of interesting cullings.

The Normal College Literary Society elections at Hamilton took place last Friday afternoon, and after an exciting contest resulted as follows: J. A. McLellan, M.A., LL.D., 1st Hon. President; R. A. Thompson, B.A., 2nd Hon. President; Hon. J. M. Gibson, Patron; L. H. Graham, B.A., President; Miss Tuer, 1st Vice-President; F. C. Shaw, B.A., 2nd Vice-President; J. S. Martin, B.A., Recording Secretary; Miss McInnes, Corresponding Secretary; W. H. T. Megill, B.A., Treasurer; Committee: Misses B. H. Nichols, B.A., Evans, Wood, and Messrs. J. Taylor, B.A., W. A. Wilson, B.A., and Holmes. Editors of *College Jottings*, N. F. Black, R. B. Page, B.A.

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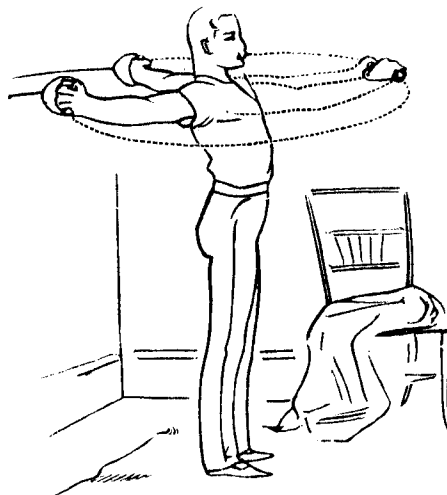


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