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INTERCOLLEGIATE contests of whatever sort always lead to that friendly rivalry which cannot but result in good. Contests upon the football field occupy the time and attention of students for the first month or two of the college session, but after the season for out-door sports is past, there is no reason why our meetings with representatives from sister universities should cease. The question of Inter-collegiate debates has had its annual airing this year as formerly, and it is to be hoped that the steps which were taken at a recent meeting of the Alma Mater Society will be speedily followed by definite action.

Queen's has done well this year upon the foot-ball field. She might have sent representative athletes who would have been an honor to her to compete in the annual sports of other colleges, and now let us see to it that she does not lose the opportunity of displaying her resources in the line of mental ability upon the debating platform. Last year Toronto University made the excuse that our challenge to an inter-collegiate debate was received so late in the term that no action could be taken. This year we have made a beginning early in the session, and we trust that as a consequence there may be a debate this session.

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What is the use of having an Alma Mater Society to represent all the students of the university if every question of special interest is to be brought before a mass-meeting called for its particular consideration? We want the Alma Mater to be a *Students'* society—we wonder why more of the students do not attend—we do all we can to make the meeting of interest to those who do come—and yet when a really vital question arises in which a very widespread feeling is exhibited, we at once call a mass-meeting for its consideration. This is certainly a mistake. If we want students to come to the Alma Mater meetings, we must lead them to feel that the meetings are worth coming to. In order that the meetings may be worth coming to, we must see to it that questions of importance and interest are brought up for discussion. And in order that such questions may be brought up for discussion, we must most positively and most unreservedly discountenance anything that partakes of the nature of a mass-meeting within the college walls.

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Reporters for city papers seem to rule the day about the college halls. The college items and personals which appear in the JOURNAL on Saturday mornings have had a gauntlet to run to keep from being stale. If the students can only succeed in giving the truth, and nothing but the truth, to the JOURNAL reporters, and anything else they please to the reporters for city papers, then we may still hope to delight our readers with a weekly feast of good things which will at least possess the merit of truth. We cannot promise any weddings in the Freshman class in Divinity Hall, but will do the best we can.

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University extension has been the subject of the day for some weeks past, and hardly a voice has yet been raised in opposition to its beneficent influence. Queen's is glad to see her professors recognized and honored in the grand work. Just one slight protest we would raise, however, and we hope it may have its

effect. When Prof. Shortt is away delivering his Ottawa lecture our poor library is left entirely alone. The student who discovers that he wants a book on Friday afternoon, to use on Saturday and Monday, has got to wait till Monday afternoon before he can get it. It needs little argument to demonstrate that this is very inconvenient. Here is a chance for our assistant librarian, and we trust at no distant date to see him in his place.

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Last July, the National Educational Association of the United States, in the form of an army of at least 15,000 Teachers, invaded Toronto. They were met by about 1,500 Canadian Teachers, and there was a high old time for several days. Some talked sense and some talked nonsense. Some spread themselves and the wise compared notes and picked up hints. The welcome and the closing meetings at the Mutual Street Rink were the Alpha and the Omega of the Convention, and impressions were made at these that will not soon be forgotten. At both meetings the Principal spoke as the representative of Canada, and it would seem that, as *Grip* puts it, they "distinctly approved" of him, for he has received a pressing invitation to address them again next July, at the Convention to be held then at Saratoga Springs, New York. What was noticeable last July was that few university representatives from Canada were present, compared with the number of Principals and Professors from the United States. This was surely a mistake, when the importance of such an association is considered. University men should keep in touch with the High and the Public and Private Schools of the country, and they can do so best by taking an interest in such associations, and guiding them in right directions.

One outcome of the Convention in Toronto was the formation of a Canadian Educational Association that gives promise of being a reality. Everything at the outset depends on the wisdom, energy and organizing power of the officers, however, and we hope that the right men were chosen at the meeting at which the new Association was launched. It would be wise not to attempt too frequent meetings. Biennial Sessions would probably be sufficient, and on the alternate years atten-

dance could be given at the Convention in the States. In that case the National might become an International Association.

CONTRIBUTED.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S ADDRESS

TO THE ECUMENICAL METHODIST COUNCIL IN WASHINGTON.

WE have so often heard the President of the United States referred to as a common-place man that we have had no difficulty in assigning him a place. But, here is a speech that he made recently to a great representative audience that makes us reverse our judgment and say to him, "Friend, go up higher." Lincoln's public addresses showed that an "obscure ex-rail-splitter" could speak like a born king of men; and this almost impromptu speech of President Harrison is enough to give him a seat among kings. When we consider the audience and the high position of the speaker, it must be confessed that seldom have words been more fitly spoken:—

"I came here this morning to make an expression of my respect and esteem for this great body of delegates assembled from all the countries of the world, but much more to give a manifestation of my respect and love for that greater body of Christian men and women for whom you stand. Every ecumenical conference is a distinct step in the direction, not only of the unification of the church, but the unification of humanity. Assembling from countries unlike in their civil institutions, from churches not wholly in accord as to doctrine or church order, you come together to find that the unlikeness is not so great as you had thought, and to find these common sympathies and common purposes greater and larger than you had thought.

I am glad to know that as followers of Wesley, whose hymns we sing, you have been in consultation as to the method and the time when these minor differences among you may be obliterated. It is the natural order that sub-divisions should be wiped out before grand divisions of the church could be united. Who does not greatly rejoice that the controversial touch of the church is less than it once was; that we hear more of the Master

and his teachings of love and duty than of hair-splitting theological discussions? I recall, many years ago, while visiting a watering-place in Wisconsin, that when the Sabbath came round I went with some friends to a little Methodist church in an adjoining village. The preacher undertook to overturn my Presbyterianism. An irreverent friend who sat beside me, as the young man delivered his telling blows against Calvinism, was constantly emphasizing the points by nudging me with his elbow. Now, I am glad to know that very often since then I have worshipped in Methodist churches, and that is the last experience of that kind I have had.

You have to-day as the theme of discussion the subject of International Arbitration, and this being a public, or in a large sense of the word a political, question, perhaps makes my presence here as an officer of the United States especially appropriate. . . . It is known to you all that in the recent conference of the American states at Washington the proposition was distinctly made and adopted by the adherents of all, or nearly all, of the governments represented, that, as applied to this hemisphere, all international disputes should be settled by arbitration. Of course, there are limitations as yet in the nature of things to the complete assumption and general adoption of such a scheme. It is quite possible to apply arbitration to a dispute about state boundaries; it is quite impossible, it seems to me, to apply it in a case of international feud. If there is no other subject of dispute, no other prompter of war, than a disposition to subjugate, an aggressive spirit to seize territory, a spirit of national aggrandizement that does not stop to consider the rights of other people—to such a case and such a spirit the subject of arbitration has no application. It is for a Christian sentiment to emphasize itself in the nation to remove forever such causes of dispute, and thus what remains will be an easy subject for adjustment by free international arbitration. . . .

There is one unity of the church and but one of humanity. 'One in Him' is the only oneness possible to church or man; and it is as this great Christian sentiment, characterized not only by a high sense of justice, but by a spirit of love and forbearance, masters the civil institutions and civil governments of

the world, that we shall approach peace and arbitration methods of settling disputes.

Let me thank you for the privilege of standing before you for a moment, and for this most cordial welcome which you have given to me. I beg to express again my high appreciation of the character of these delegates, and of the membership of the great church from which they come, and to wish that in your remaining deliberations and in your journeys to far distant homes you may have the guidance and care of that God whom we all revere."

Dear Mr. Editor,—Queer things are happening about Queen's nowadays. What is it all about? Why is everybody talking about "the Moral Law" and "the Golden Rule," and "man's civil rights," and "man's personal liberty," and "arbitrary contracts"? Then again I read in a city paper: "The concursus has never been, and in the nature of the case can never be, in organic relation to our university life." This reminds me of a statement made by the philosophic valedictorian of '90: "We are the mere potentialities of what we might have been," and I am more lost than ever. I used to hear about individual liberty" and "natural equality" and those things, when I was studying Hobbes in the Political Economy Class, but they have not bothered me very much since. I want to know what brings them up now. Do a few cranks around here think they can invent an individualistic theory of society which will be better than the theories of Hobbes, Locke and Rousseau? If so, haven't they considerable nerve? When I took Junior Philosophy three or four years ago, I wrote an essay which completely demolished all individualistic theories. I think I will have to hunt it up again and read it to the Alma Mater.

But seriously, Mr. Editor, don't we hear a good deal too much individualism preached around here nowadays? And does it do us any good? Don't we all think *too much* of our rights and too little of other people's? I don't think it does me any good to be told continually that I have my rights. Moreover, I do not see what good it does to tell students, when they first come here, that they have the same rights as other people. They know that. Nobody denies it. They have the

same rights, but they have not the same knowledge. A freshman is not more equal to a senior in his knowledge of College life than in his knowledge of Latin and Philosophy, and it does him no good to tell him that he is. College life is a reality, and College customs are realities. If freshmen are not to be initiated into these by students who are their seniors, how are they going to become acquainted with them at all? Hazing has never been employed at Queen's, and perhaps this is to be regretted. Hazing, properly managed, has many good points. But we employ a different system here. Instead of pounding appreciation of College life into a man, we try to lead him gently to that appreciation by example, strengthening that example when necessary by public admonition or reproof in the *Concursus*. That this method may be successful—as successful as hazing—our example, the example set by all senior classes, must be uniformly good, and the *Concursus* must have the unanimous moral support of the students. The sooner, then, we quiet these individualists, the better for all concerned. If the court has “no organic connection with University life,” by all means let us give it such connection at once.

But, aside from all this, is it not rather absurd to make such a fuss about Mr. McRae's case (if I mention his name I only follow the example of his three friends who wrote to the city press). There is not much use in saying “he felt that he was innocent,” when, except six, every student in Arts and Divinity considered the action of the court to be quite proper. Mr. McRae's “personal rights” are not of more importance than the personal rights of other students and of professors. To talk of bringing “humiliation and disgrace” upon a person who would take refuge behind ladies, one of them an old woman almost in hysterics, and then fling insults at fellow students, is rather too much to stand in silence. No, Mr. Editor, though my sympathy is always with the weaker, *caet par*, I cannot bring myself to shed tears over Mr. McRae's departure.

But may he soon find a University where “the golden rule is observed” and where “man is free.” And when he has found it, may he send for those of his friends who so nobly stood by him. For I must add,

paradoxical as it may seem, that in my opinion, if we had fewer *sturdy advocates* of peace and good will, we would have much less jealousy and discord. Yours, etc.,

OU DANOR.

LITERATURE.

ICH BIN DEIN.

In tempus old a hero lived,
 Qui loved puellas deux;
 He no pouvait pas quite to say,
 Which one amabat mieux.

Dit-il-lui-meme un beau matin,
 “Non possum both avoir,
 Sed si address Amanda Ann,
 Then Kate and I have war.

Amanda habet argent coin,
 Sed Kate has aureas curls;
 Et both sunt very agathæ
 Et quite formosæ girls.”

Enfin the youthful anthropolos,
 Philoun the dua maids,
 Resolved proponere ad Kate,
 Devant cet evening's shades.

Procedens then to Kate's domo,
 Il trouve Amanda there,
 Kai quite forgot his late resolves,
 Both sunt so goodly fair.

Sed smiling on the new tapis,
 Between puellas twain,
 Cœpit to tell his love a Kate
 Dans un poetique strain.

Mais, glancing ever et anon
 At fair Amanda's eyes,
 Illæ non possunt dicere
 Pro which he meant his sighs.

Each virgo heard the demi-vow,
 With cheeks as rouge as wine,
 And off'ring each a milk-white hand
 Both whispered, “Ich bin dein.”

EXCHANGE.

IN *The Educational Monthly* for November we are given the last part of an article on “Drawing in the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of Ontario,” by Colin Scott, B.A. It is not bad, but written far too much in the *ipse dixit* style. The Magazine also contains an exquisite “Ballad of the Trees and the Master,” by Sidney Lanier, the inspired young southern poet who died lately.

The Nassau Literary Magazine is, as usual, filled with bright and instructive reading.

Princeton's Senior Class is to be congratulated on the high standard of excellence which it maintains.

The *Student*, which we receive from Edinburgh University, is the best College Journal (as distinguished from a magazine) which we know of. Unlike some of our Exchanges, the *Student* evidently does not regard the Senate as "Gods sitting apart." The calm scorn with which it rebukes one of the Professors for regarding the class as a place where he may exercise his humorous faculty, rather than as a meeting where the students may receive knowledge, is most refreshing.

We heartily endorse *Notre Dame Scholastic* in its plan of publishing the best essays of the Criticism and Literary Class. Surely, however, something better could be found than a series of trite platitudes on the subjects of Becky Sharp. Most of the other articles, particularly some of those on Hamlet, are very good indeed.

Trinity University Review for this month is very good indeed. Some might quarrel with the large amount of space given to foot-ball, but we think that, especially in the month of November, such a fault is emphatically on the right side. We are glad to see that the match played this year between Trinity and the R.M.C. is to be made annual.

COLLEGE NEWS.

A. M. S.

DR. BELL is Honorary President for the coming year, and is the only person elected by acclamation. The candidates for the other offices are :

President—A. B. Cuningham, B.A., D. R. Drummond, M.A.

Vice-President—F. Hugo, W. H. Davis, H. A. Hunter, R. R. Robinson.

Critic—W. D. McIntosh, C. S. Kirkpatrick.

Secretary—J. W. McIntosh, J. H. Bawden.

Assistant Secretary—W. W. King, T. W. McCammon.

Treasurer—J. S. Shortt, J. C. Brown.

Committee—R. F. Hunter, Campbell McNab, J. S. Rayside, S. Back, W. W. Richardson.

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The officers of the Rugby Foot-ball team

have been appointed for the season of '92 as follows :

Hon. President—Dr. Herald.
 Hon. Vice-President—A. E. Ross.
 President—W. F. Nickle.
 Vice-President—Guy Curtis.
 Sec.-Treasurer—A. B. Ford.
 Coach—H. R. Grant.

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The Hockey Club has organized for the season with the following officers :

Hon. President—H. A. Parkyn.
 President—C. McNab.
 Vice-President—R. R. Robinson.
 Sec.-Treasurer—J. S. Rayside.
 Captain—A. B. Cunningham, B.A.
 Committee—H. P. Fleming, G. C. Giles, C. K. O. Cameron.

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE ALMA MATER.

This is "the blue ribbon," or the order of the Garter, or the premiership, so far as the students of Queen's are concerned, and for the credit of the University we wish that it could be said that all the voters rise superior to paltry considerations in deciding upon a candidate for the position. The spirit of partyism is the bane of free countries, and how deeply it is ingrained in human nature may be estimated, when even some University men submit to it, as naturally as if they were born sheep. Instead of asking, Who is the man that has the best record? Or who would represent the life and learning of the University best? The questions sometimes put in past years have been: Which is the Medical and which the Arts candidate? Or who has asked me most humbly? Or who is the *niciest* fellow? It is about time to rise above this sort of thing, for, as the Principal is fond of saying, no one will respect you unless you respect yourself.

DIVINITY HALL.

The Association of Theological Alumni of Queen's, which was formed last October, is one from which much good is expected. We cannot better explain its nature than by giving its constitution, which is certainly a model of brevity. We will expect the Secretary or Treasurer to keep us informed of the progress of the Society. Its constitution is as follows :

1. NAME—The name of the Society shall be the Association of Theological Alumni of Queen's College.

II. MEMBERSHIP—All who have been or are students of Theology in Queen's College, may become members of the Association on payment of an annual fee of fifty cents.

Any graduate or friend of Queen's interested in Theological Education may become a member of the Association on payment of the same fee, if recommended by the Executive Committee and elected by a majority of members present at the annual meeting.

The Theological Faculty are *ex-officio* members of the Association.

III. OBJECTS—1. To bring the Theological Alumni into closer relation with one another.

2. To secure increased interest in the Theological department of Queen's, in order to its more adequate maintenance.

3. To confer regarding all matters affecting Theology and Theological Education.

4. To co-operate with the University Missionary Association in its foreign work.

IV. OFFICERS—The Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association, and hold office until their successors are appointed.

These Officers, with five others, annually chosen, shall be an Executive Committee to attend to business in the interval of regular meetings of the Association, five to form a quorum.

V. MEETINGS—Stated meetings shall be held annually on the Tuesday preceding the April Convocation, at an hour to be fixed by the Secretary.

A special meeting may be held at any time at the call of the Executive Committee.

VI. AMENDMENT—This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting, on notice of motion given at the previous annual meeting.

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This newly-formed Association has not been idle. Its members are determined that the \$4,000 expected annually by the Theological Department of Queen's from the General Assembly will next year be forthcoming. With this object they have sent to all the ministers of the church a statement of the financial position of the Theological Department prepared by the Principal. We quote the last paragraph:

"We have thus added to our staff without adding to our burden. Although, in the last ten years, interest on our investments has fallen from 8 to 6 per cent., we ask for only the old \$4,000 annually. To raise this, a united effort is needed to get in every Presbytery, from the collections to the General Assembly's College Fund, twice as much as was contributed last year. We have to sustain a University as well as a Theological College, and in carrying this heavy but honorable burden, I appeal to none so freely as to my Brethren in the Ministry."

DR. J. F. SMITH.

A letter from our Missionary in Honan, the Rev. J. Frazer Smith, M.D., dated Lin Ch'ing, October 9, mentions that his little boy, aged nearly twelve months, has been taken from him by death. We can assure him of the sympathy of all his old friends in Queen's, and of all who are interested in his work.

Dr. Smith adds that the state of affairs in Honan is far from satisfactory. "Many think that we are on the eve of a great revolution. At any rate the situation has not been so serious for many years. The Hunanese gentry, to the number of 20,000, have pledged themselves to drive all foreigners from China, and it is found that a system of Coercion is carried on to force all the people in the Province to back them in this effort. The British Consul at Tientsin has advised against moving into Honan at present."

It is thought that this is an uprising of the Chinese against the Tartar dynasty that has held sway for the last two or three centuries, and that they hope by the massacre of foreigners to involve the authorities in foreign war and thus have a better opportunity of carrying out their design. It may be so, but hatred of "the foreign devils" and of their "corrupt doctrines," and knowledge of the infamous treatment that their countrymen have generally received in America and Australia are also at the bottom of these popular movements, and in the meantime it would be wise for our Missionaries to do nothing that would inflame the prejudices of the people.

Y. M. C. A.

The last meeting of Y.M.C.A. was held Friday evening in the Science Hall. The

attendance of students was large. Principal Grant spoke on "Mission Fields for Canadians." He prefaced his remarks by saying that we should not take a narrow view of mission work. As John Wesley said, "The World is our Parish," and in this connection reference was made to the service which our own men, Beall, Dunlop and Chown, are doing in Japan.

As Canadians, however, the Indians of our own country have the first claim upon us. The system of industrial schools with government co-operation is naturally among Indians the most successful. In this way the Indian is taught to *work* for his livelihood. John A. Macdonald, B.A., '88, and a graduate in Theology of last spring, is at the present time laboring among the Indians on the Pacific Coast. The Canadian Mission in Formosa has been a great success, and there is an opening there for a young man who is willing to learn the secret of McKay's success, so that when he is gone the work may be carried on along the same lines.

No other nation will have so strong an influence on the future of mankind as China, and it is therefore a field of supreme importance. Never was the world so willing to receive the truth as it is to-day, and hence the imperative need there is for all who would be Missionaries to prepare themselves thoroughly for their work.

WOMEN'S MEDICAL COLLEGE.

The second meeting of the Missionary Society of the Women's College was held on Thursday last, at 1 o'clock p.m. Nearly all the girls were present. Miss Turnbull, the President, presided. She gave an interesting paper on the proceedings of the Inter-collegiate Missionary Convention, which was held in the city early in November. Dr. Weir then read a letter from Dr. McKellar, in India, telling of the opening there of the Canadian Hospital for women. A full description of the building and its capacities was given. Different cases have separate wards. Thus a long felt need has been supplied. The Medical Missionaries will now be enabled to relieve thousands of suffering women whom they could not otherwise attend, and a greater opportunity is given them for doing the Master's work.

We had our Y.W.C.A. meeting on Sunday as usual. Miss Drennan lead the meeting. Subject: Heavenly Guidance.

The College Dramatic Company gave a rehearsal in the College parlor one day last week. None but actors admitted. The tambourine seems to be the favorite musical instrument.

Prof.—Where is the right spleen?

Soph. (with puzzled expression)—Guess there isn't any.

COLLEGE NOTES.

D. Strachan, B.A., will be back after 'Xmas.

There is a lady taking the divinity class. She is undecided whether to be a minister or a minister's wife.

The divinities were making quite a row in the library last Wednesday. They were drawing cuts for books left them by the late Dr. Bain.

The Concursus Iniquitatis of this year has a very noisy police force.

"Your vote and influence" is heard on every side.

Extract from a letter dated at L—, Manitoba:—"That College Yell" came to hand a few days ago, and as you suggested I tried it out on the prairie. To my astonishment the very grass wilted, and the prairie chickens fled in fear so far away that I have not been able to get a shot at one since.

Young lady of Latin class waxing eloquent: "No, what I admire most is not the eloquent strictures of the Professor, nor yet the weak voices of the translators in the south-west corner; it is the artistic draping of Mr. McDougall's gown.

It was with deep regret we heard of the loss Miss Donovan sustained in the death of her mother. The JOURNAL extends its sincere sympathy.

The Librarian of the junior philosophy class has reported a book removed from the book case and not returned. This is the first offence of the kind this year, and it is hoped that it will be the last.

Those desiring box closets, who are without them, have now a chance of securing them. All should take advantage of it.

W. W. McRae has left for McGill College, Montreal. He evidently found it getting too hot for him here.

The students attending St. Andrew's Church were kindly entertained at an "At Home" in the church Thursday evening of last week.

PERSONALS.

J. S. GILLIES, '89, writes: "I think you have made a good move by issuing weekly, and hope it will be successful. Hurrah for Queen's! Address: Braeside, Ont."

J. H. Mills, M.A., has received an appointment on the staff of the Hawkesbury High School at a salary of \$1,000.

J. J. McLennan, B.A., of the law firm of McLennan & Robertson, Toronto, paid us a visit a few days ago. He reports the good success of the firm.

The Rev. J. A. McDonald, B.A., Missionary to the British Columbian Indians, has issued an appeal to volunteer students to devote themselves to the interests of that wide field. There are at present at least twenty-two places where Christian Missionaries are much needed. Mr. McDonald advises that three classes, ordained missionaries, missionary teachers and medical missionaries be sent. The appeal derives additional weight from the fact of its being signed by the entire party which left Canada last September for the Methodist Central China Mission.

Peter Drummond, M.D., '89, is the popular physician in Grant, Michigan.

W. J. Baker, '91, is at present teaching in Hagersville High School.

THE YOUNG RECRUITS.

"The Young Recruits" is the title of an oil painting by Mr. Charles Patterson, one of the most gifted representatives of the younger branch of Canadian artists. Mr. Patterson has displayed undoubted genius in the conception and execution of this charming picture, which will appeal to every lover of childhood as well as every lover of art. "The Young Recruits" is one of the four supplements to be given away with the Christmas number of the *DOMINION ILLUSTRATED*, which the publishers are sparing neither pains nor expense to make the most magnificent holiday souvenir ever issued in Canada and far surpassing even their own brilliant effort of last year.

DE NOBIS.

VOTE for Brown and no *Shortt*-ages in the treasury.

Vote for Rayside and free Hockey sticks.

Now, Bobby, make your old time spurt at the finish and you'll be Vice-President all right.

Put it there, Cameron, old boy, you and I are from P.E.I. That's the long and short of it.—[N-ky.

I know *my* rights here!—[The Modern Ishmael.

Celebrity No. 1, which being interpreted, i Pinkus.

"The silence that is in the starry skies,
The sleep that is among the lowly hills."
Prof. C.

He is a freshman indeed, in whom there is little or no guile.—[Chief Justice.

He hath done the things he ought not to have done, and hath left undone the things that he ought to have done.—[Counsel for Prosecution.

The Divinities are after "Oily" with a long sharp knife.

We press the button, you do the rest.—
C-mm-ngs, '95.

"Sing a song of courting,
Of W. McRae;
Four and twenty constables
To carry him away,
When the door was opened,
Fitz and Rannie cried,
'Death to every pleeceman
Who comes a step inside.'"

I was the only man on the campus last Saturday afternoon who was excited.—H. R. Grant.

The Concurus can't touch me, I'm a free born Briton, gentlemen.—[J. R. M-re (in Sophomore's meeting, Nov. 26th).