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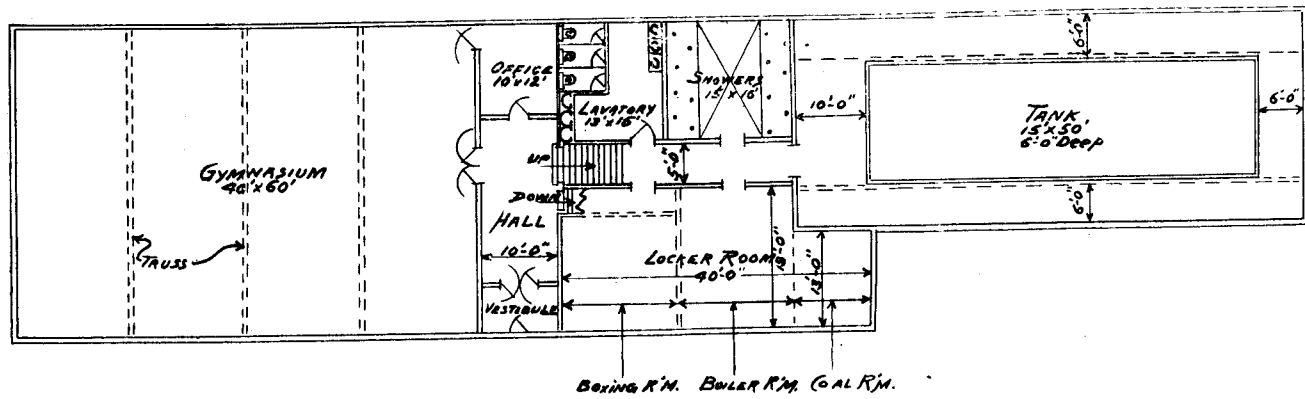
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TEMPORARY GYMNASIUM.



Boxing Rm. Bul. Rm. Gal. Rm.

The problem of gymnasium accommodation during the erection of the new Massey building, has been solved by the trustees of the Massey Estate, who will construct temporary quarters in the vacant lot just below the Athletic Field. This temporary Gym. will have to serve for an indefinite period, probably a year,

but as the accompanying cut shows, it will meet all requirements. The building will be of wood throughout. The gymnasium floor is smaller, but the apparatus will be complete. It is said that fourteen feet is to be added to the length of the gym. floor, making it seventy-four instead of sixty-feet. The tank is larger than the old one

and the showers are fourteen in number. The locker rooms and boxing room will be small; but considering the fact that it is only a temporary structure to tide us over the period until the new building graces our Campus, we can only express our gratitude to those in charge.

DR. W. T. HERRIDGE

A Leading Divine—Will Preach Sunday's Sermon

Dr. W. T. Herridge, whom the Colleges' Sermon Series have been able to procure to preach to the students on Sunday next, is a man who has attained a wide reputation for himself as a minister and a writer. He is the pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa and is considered the leading preacher of the capital and one of the best in the Dominion. His subject will be "The Influence of Personality."

Dr. Herridge, it has been said, is "strong alike in the earnestness and the artistic finish of his sermons," and no Undergraduate can afford to miss Sunday's service. Not this coming service alone, but every service ought to be well attended. The committee have spared no pains in making the sermons the best possible. Those who have already preached to us this year and such names as Dr. Grenfell, who is to occupy the pulpit at an early date are witness to the exertions of this Committee; and all who have not affiliations with any city church ought to attend every service. These services are an institution of the University and must not be neglected. The time will come, and shortly, too, when we will have a fully organized church of our own. The organ will be ready next year and on November 1st, the Y.M.C.A. are issuing a University Hymnal. These are two decisive steps towards a University of Toronto Church. To accomplish this, those who have the Sermons in hand must have the support and attendance of every student who can possibly get to Convocation Hall on Sunday mornings.

NOTED SCHOLAR COMING

Dr. Leacock of McGill will speak To-morrow Night

"The Universities and Citizenship" will be the subject of an address by Dr. Leacock, head of the Political Science Department at McGill, in Convocation Hall to-morrow night. Dr. Leacock, comes as McGill's representative in an interchange of speakers with this University. He will be welcomed here as a graduate of Toronto in classics. He took his political science degree at Chicago. It will be remembered that Dr. Leacock went to South Africa some years ago for the Rhodes trustees in the interests of imperialism. His books, especially "Literary Lapses" are well known and suggest that his address here will be both interesting and witty.

The meeting is being held by the University College Literary Society which has arranged a musical programme. It is an open meeting which all students are urged to attend in the interests of the fraternal spirit among the Universities. The subject is of vital importance. President Falconer will occupy the chair.

FAMOUS LECTURER DEAD

The recent sudden death in New York of Mr. Henry Snowden Ward, the distinguished Secretary of the Dickens Fellowship in England, is as sincerely deplored in America as in the land of his birth. His delightful lectures on Dickens and Shakespeare have been popular literary features of this season; and one of his latest acts was the preparation of an illuminating article for Lippincott's Magazine on "Charles Dickens and Women," which will be published in February when the Dickens centenary is due.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DINNER

The twenty-third School Dinner will be held in Convocation Hall next Thursday at 8 p.m. In the past the School dinner has always been a great event and this year the executive have gone to a great deal of trouble to make it the largest and best yet.

They are offering a prize of \$15 to the year which shows the greatest percentage of ticket buyers registered in that year. Some very good speakers have been secured, including the Honorable Clifford Sifton, the Honorable Adam Beck and many others of equal note, which will undoubtedly make it one of the largest functions in the history of both the School and the Faculty of Applied Science.

JUNIORS VS. U. C. C.

This afternoon at 4.30 Varsity Juniors play their first game of the season. Their opponents are Upper Canada College and the whole of U.C.C. will be down to root. The team needs support so every Varsity man who can possibly come, get out and root. There is splendid ice and Excelsior Rink is warm. Besides it is only a half mile from Varsity.

SNEAK THIEF CAUGHT

On Wednesday a sneak thief was caught in the act of going through overcoats in the Cloak-rooms of one of the University Buildings. He was locked up immediately by Christie and is now awaiting sentence. We are glad to be able to say he is not a student.

II YR. ANNUAL DINNER

Sophs Have Riotous Time to Wind Up the Term

"Come old fellow, drink down to your peg."

The second year S. P. S. dinner held Tuesday night, December 19, at the St. Charles, was a record success from every standpoint. That it was a success, is due to the untiring efforts of President Mechin and his executive. The speaking was superb and extremely complimentary to the year 1T4. After glasses had been filled and smokes passed around, president Mechin rose, and in a few words explained the object of the gathering and welcomed the guests. "Our association with these guests ought to be a great benefit to us," said Mr. Mechin, and Mr. Mechin was right. The toast to the king was then proposed by the president, everybody responding by jumping up and singing "God save the King."

The toast to "The School," was proposed by Mr. Peter Campbell, and responded to by the Dean. "Pete's" speech was just what might be expected from the nimble little quarter-back, short, lively, and to the point. In his response, the Dean lapsing into reminiscent mood, gave an exceedingly interesting description of life and strife in the early days of the School of Practical Science.

Prof. Haultain, stated that to the Engineering profession was given work most important in every phase of existence. The engineer is very poorly paid, and generally not looked up to in the way other professional men were, but he was always content and happy. A new branch was now deemed necessary to the engineer's education, namely business. The engineer was beginning to recognize, more and more, the value and use of the almighty dollar.

Toast to the "year one-t-four," was proposed by Mr. C. V. Perry, past president. Mr. Perry took this opportunity to congratulate the year on its selection of a president in Mr. Mechin, to whom all praise for such an excellent night's entertainment was due.

Thos. R. Loudon, the popular honorary president of the year in replying to this toast said he was glad to be connected with such a year, but regretted that he could not be any material help to them in their work this term. "Tommy" was very humorous throughout, recalling old memories of a turkey-fight last Christmas. He agreed that the modern engineer had a great advantage in the new branches of learning, over his older and too theoretical fellow worker. He urged the men to maintain their loyalty to each other and the University.

The toast to "Athletics" was proposed by "Jeff" Taylor. "Jeff" thought that athletics should be, perhaps next to studies most important to the student. Compulsory physical exercise was urged, to instil athletic enthusiasm into those who did not go in for athletics of any kind.

Prof. C. H. C. Wright, responded to this toast. He said that when the average citizen was handed an engineer's report and requested to advance money on the strength of it, he usually asked himself two questions, (1) Can I trust this man's work? Does he always speak the truth, the whole truth? (2) Has he the executive ability, and the necessary experience? Now athletics, when properly conducted helps very materially to develop such a man, and the great value of athletics is that so many hundreds of men participate. Among this multitude many individuals have won distinction for their University, their Faculty, for their Year, and for themselves. Who is, today, the greatest Canadian quarter-back? Here Pete Campbell was elevated by his fellow students who sang "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Who could imagine Pete Campbell, ever in the excitement of play, doing a mean, dishonorable act? Or who could imagine Peter accepting as a reward, a house and lot, or anything else representing a financial recognition? Mo, the

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The regular Sunday service ushers are requested to be on hand as usual, Sunday, January the 14.

The Glee Club has its first rehearsal of this season, on Thursday January 11, 5-6 p.m. Begin the New Year right and attend regularly.

A meeting of the Executive Class of 1915, University College will be held on Friday January 12th in room 6 at 5 p.m. All members of the executive are urgently requested to be present.

The Committee for the Colleges' Sermon Series announces that they have had the good fortune to procure Dr. Wilfred Grenfell of Labrador, to deliver the sermon on Sunday, March the 31st.

The Officers and Members of The Engineering Society will hold their twenty-third Annual dinner in Convocation Hall, Thursday, January 18th, at eight o'clock.

Next Sunday's sermon is to be given by the Rev. W. T. Herridge, D.D., of Ottawa; and the service will be read by Dr. Wallace, Dean of the Faculty of Theology at Victoria College. A large turn-out is requested.

A short business session of the Speakers Club will be held in Y.M.C.A. building on January 13 at 7.45. Members will please be present early, that they may adjourn to hear Dr. Leacock's address in Convocation Hall.

The Second Annual School Dance will be given by the Officers and Members of the Engineering Society on the 9th of February, in the University Gymnasium.

Orchestra practices will be resumed next Friday at 4.20, Room C-22. An ambitious programme is being planned for the spring term. All the members are requested to be on hand Friday, and any other musicians who would like to join will be given the "glad hand."

On January 16th, Victoria will play the Faculty of Education at 4.15. Referee Chadwick, Junior Meds. vs. Junior Dents. 5 p.m. Referee, Mel. Brock. Referees are to appoint their own time-keeper.

A meeting of the Boxing, Fencing and Wrestling Clubs will be held in Prof. Williams' room at 5 p.m., Monday, January 15, 1912.

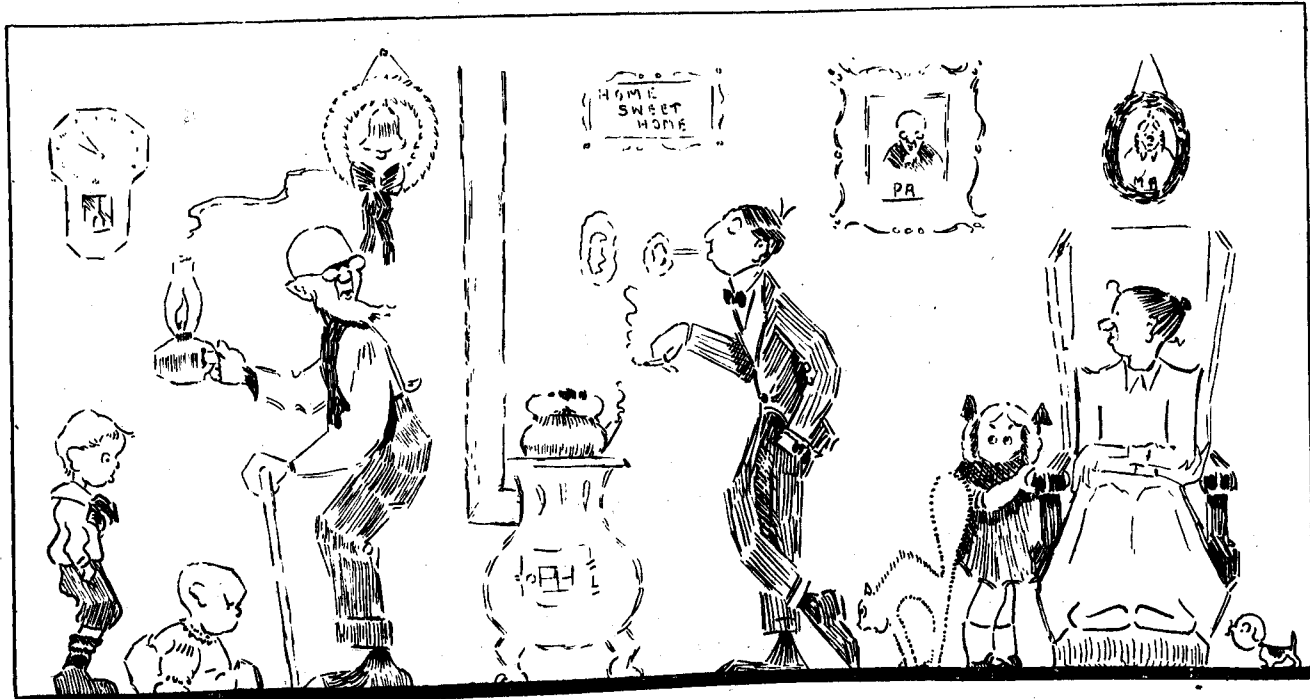
Important matters are to be discussed, including the Holding of an Intercollegiate Tournament in the Varsity gymnasium. All members are requested to attend.

COMING EVENTS

- Jan. 13—Prof. Leacock, at Convocation Hall.
- 18—School Dinner.
- 19—McGill vs. Toronto. Basketball, 4.30 p.m.; hockey 8 p.m.
- 26—Arts Dance.
- Feb. 1—Trinity College Conversazione
- 2—Dental "At Home."
- 9—School Dance.
- 16—Queen's Hall Dance.
- 25—Queen's Hall Dramatic Club.
- 29—Trinity Oratorical Contest.

CURLING CLUB

The University Curlers are getting down to business at the Lakeview Club. Skip, "Jack" Deyell has uncovered some promising beginners and has been putting them through the grind during the holidays. Who knows, but that this year the University Curlers may live up to the reputation they established in the days when Curran and Lapan snatched so many eleventh hour victories from a prematurely triumphant adversary.



The Christmas vacation afforded the freshman his first opportunity to show the folks "back home" what he had learned at the University.

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TORONTO, JANUARY 12, 1912

THE NEW YEAR

To the hearty clasp and the cheery greeting which have been the order in our halls during the last couple of days "The Varsity" adds its own wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

We return from an unusually long holiday with new vigor and, no doubt, scores of resolutions to serve as the tools for use under our added strength. And there is work to do. In the term just passed possibly some of us have a little more than carried out the spirit of the President's remarks at his first opening address to the students, when he urged that the man who, laden with books and scholastic worries, made a beaten track, a narrow groove, as it were, between the classroom and his lodgings was not the one who would most profit from a University training. Our sympathies have been extended to numerous activities to such an extent that the coming months will see the midnight oil burning with increased intensity.

Our Scrooge will be Examinations, and we shall apply ourselves feverishly to make up for certain lost opportunities as did poor shivering Bob Cratchit, in Dicken's "Christmas Carol" endeavor to overtake nine o'clock, with the crusty old money lender glowering over him.

To the added scholastic duties there are numerous matters of gravest import to the student body which must be settled. We have not yet the full degree of responsible government which we desire and which the President is most anxious we should adopt. Our student body as a whole still lacks the nominal, if not the real, unity it should have, and our finances are in a muddle. It will rest with us as a whole, too, to bring The Varsity from its state of transition into its full development. There is a great deal to do in cultivating among all of us, and among our athletes in particular, a greater degree of "entente cordiale" towards visitors from other colleges. Again, we are drifting dangerously close to professionalism in our sports. Our predominance among American colleges in the number of undergraduate teams will avail us naught unless we still further increase our amateur instincts and our tyro sports.

These are but a few of the tasks to which we are to set ourselves. Every student in the University, by carefully acquainting himself or herself with the conditions which are retarding our development, can quietly prepare for the big movement which is due to take place in our midst in the near future.

The Varsity hopes that its columns will be used more than ever for the expression of undergraduate opinion. This journal is the screen for the countless shades of everyday thought which are not blended, we fear, as they might be.

CORRESPONDENCE

To the Editor of the Varsity:—

Dear Sir:—In an article on "Jack Maynard, Captain," in a recent issue of the Sunday World, Mr. James P. Haverson comes as near to the deification of sport as is humanly possible. He speaks of "consecration in Mr. Maynard's captaincy. He "was like to the spirit of football." More than this, "the man who feels Jack Maynard's hand on his shoulder and hears the hard breathing voice in his ear has seen the spirit of his university... visualized before him.

When I read this mystic nonsense I wondered what we are coming to. Time was, and it is not so very long ago, when our newspapers had a sporting column. That too modest column has grown to a sporting page, to a sporting two pages, and in some cases finally, if it be a finality, to a sporting section, not to speak of sporting extras and special front page featuring of big sporting events.

Twenty or twenty-five years ago we played football and other games as recreation after work. Now these games have become an occupation—an occupation for the few, a preoccupation of the many. Only the few can participate and they are demi-gods to the crowds whose bodies stiffen in inertia and to the "rooters" who hoarsen their throats with barbaric yells. Enormous gate receipts have semi-professionalized football. Out of these receipts increasingly costly "gifts" are presented to the heroes. Is football going the way of baseball and lacrosse?

It is a wellknown fact that university football men, generally speaking, do practically no study during the first term. They are usually far down in the class lists. Their "brooding minds" are not concerned with the purpose for which their parents are paying. And beside the columns of slangy rapture poured out as libations to the god of sport an intellectual achievement, if mentioned at all, is disposed of in a scant paragraph.

Sport as an exercise and a recreation for the many has a proper and a valuable place, but just now it is a river which has burst its banks. Is there nothing better, nothing higher to occupy us than the solemn trivialities of games?

Yours truly,
FREDERIC DAVIDSON.

[The letter appearing above is well worthy of close attention. In taking Mr. Haverson so seriously, Prof. Davidson is making a mistake, for Mr. Haverson speaks for himself and a few others who delight in the rapid maunderings of an over-heated imagination. It is almost needless to say that neither Jack Maynard nor any other member of the team has any such ridiculous notions in his head as Mr. Haverson's remarks seem to convey. Prof. Davidson calls our attention to the very real dangers that lie before us if we continue to have huge unathletic, but revenue-yielding crowds. It behooves every thoughtful man among us to think out a happy solution. (Sporting Editor.)

ONLOOKER'S CORNER

CONCERNING RESOLUTIONS.

The Onlooker, gentle reader, has made a New Year's resolution. He is going to turn over a new leaf. So many letters have been received, charging him with insincerity, charlatany, and affectation, that he has decided to confess to all these sins. He takes his enemies from behind, by announcing that the soul of this Corner is affectation. For, reader, is not a frank affectation of form and idea fresher than such a vain conceit as forced sincerity? To that man, therefore, who reads only for opinions and sincere thought reads only for opinions and sincere thoughts, may it be known that hereafter this column will be to him nothing but pure white paper stained by enebriated squiggles called type. Now, for the first.

How many fools made New Year's resolutions? How many of you, on awakening to that bright and happy January the first, lay on your lazy beds, and blinking at the white ceiling, began religiously to swear off many petty sins and leech-like habits. I venture to say that many a Professor's heart would have warmed, could he have seen some of the



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But enough: never again make New Year's resolutions. It is a pernicious habit that ruins self-confidence and self-respect.

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The general appearance of buildings and grounds from Gore Vale Avenue is much improved by this removal, for the two Trinity and two St. Hilda's residences as well as the ravine and much of the grounds can now be seen at one time from that Avenue.

The present buildings, however, have been outgrown and a few years hence we shall see them either abandoned as the stable had been for many years, or in that still worse condition to which the stable has now been reduced.

Trinity students will then occupy new and commodious buildings in Queen's Park.

The mantle of Robert Manzer has fallen upon W. Turney, who thereby becomes Trinity representative and a "cub reporter" for Varsity during the coming year.

VICTORIA COLLEGE

The burning question around the college at present is, "Have we, among our barbarian hordes of Freshmen, a chance individual who can play hockey?" That the question is serious is indicated by the fact that on Wednesday last, a notice appeared on the form of an agonized appeal, that, "any one who had ever seen a hockey stick," should turn out to a practice that afternoon. To-day, the gentlemen, afore-mentioned, meet the second year in the initial game of the inter-year series.

Many improvements have been made, during the vacation, to the interior furnishing of the "Ladies' Parlors." Though we have not been privileged to gaze behind the sacred walls, yet we are informed by hearsay, that everything is beautiful therein.

The following are the officers of the Union Literary Society for the ensuing term:—Hon. Pres., Prof. Langford; Pres., H. O. Hutcheson; 1st Vice - Pres., H. C. Burwash; 2nd. Vice-Pres., A. L. Atton; Leader of Government, H. D. Taylor; Leader of Opposition, H. J. Goodyear; Councillors, F. G. McAllister, D. H. Connor and F. A. A. Campbell; Critic, F. N. Stapleford; Assistant Critic, A. L. Smith; Treasurer, J. H. Stoneman; Secretary, A. E. Roseborough; Assistant Secretary, A. M. Horner; Curator, J. R. Fryer; Marshall, H. J. Forester; Pianist, H. S. Martindale; Assistant Pianist, N. V. Buchanan.

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Everyone is pleased to see Bill Parker back, hale and hearty, to lectures again. Bill underwent an operation for appendicitis before Christmas.

Junior Arts Rugby Team is very grateful to Lloyd Sifton for the part he took in arranging a dinner to the team last term. It is known on good authority that besides his time spent on the affair, Lloyd stood for quite a lot of the expense.

Many members of the II year have awakened to the fact that they will have to brush up their Latin.

APPLIED SCIENCE

The annual presentations to the caretakers of the first and second year drafting rooms of a fine big turkey each, took place on Wednesday afternoon, December 20. In the first year drafting room "Prof." Graham was carried high on the shoulders of the stalwart '15 men to the table, where he was presented by President Galbraith with real live turkey. "Prof." made a neat little speech to the boys, thanking them for their kindness, and wished them all a very Merry Christmas.

In the second year drafting room, the caretaker, Mr. Apted, was seized by four strong sophomores and borne to demonstrators table. Here "Tommy" Loudon, Hon. President of the year, presented Mr. Apted with a large turkey decorated with the school colors. Mr. Apted expressed his thanks to the members of the year in a few well chosen words, and wished everybody a very Merry Christmas.

VARSAITY RINK REOPENED

Excellent Dressing Rooms —
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When the patrons of the old Varsity Rink revisit the place this winter they will meet with a very pleasant surprise. In fact a complete transformation has taken place.

Taking advantage of the new stadium, the rink committee have had two immense rooms under it ceiled in and equipped with furnace, plumbing, electric light etc. to serve as dressing rooms. The public apart from the students are already showing their appreciation of the large, well lighted skating surface and the hockey cushions have been spoken for so quickly that only a few available hours remain. The band, which is in attendance every Tuesday and Friday night and Saturday afternoon, has been organized by Mr. Blea who had charge of the band at the fall games.

The rink had its formal opening on January 2, but a larger attendance than ever is expected now that the students are back.

The Varsity Basketball team arrived home Sunday evening after having spent ten days in strenuous sight seeing. The trip this year was a more extensive one than any heretofore attempted, including as it did four days in New York City. The treatment accorded the team at Rochester, Syracuse and New York, was splendid, and in each case the managements have assured us that they want a game next year.

There was only one incident which marred the trip, and yet it gave our team an opportunity to stand up for the principle of purely amateur sport, which our University so strongly upholds. The discovery was made, from the A.A.U. representative in Buffalo, that two of the teams, we were scheduled to play, were professionals. To make a long story short, after considerable trouble and persuasive arguments from both these teams, we refused to play them. In one case, six hundred people were waiting in the Armories to see the game. A substitute team was rushed to the Armories to take our place.

Owing to the unfortunate incident it was necessary to send two of our boys home and to travel to New York with only five men. It was most unfortunate but both the boys who came home accepted the situation as true sportsmen.

Thus, instead of playing 5 games we only played three, one of which we won.

Rochester, on their own floor, which is very narrow, are practically unbeatable. A few weeks ago Princeton played them and scored only one field goal, Varsity got five. The Rochester boys are splendid sportsmen and treated us royally.

The next game with the Crescents of Brooklyn, gave us a splendid opportunity of seeing their magnificent Club house. The home of Amateur sport under ideal conditions. The team was composed of three Cornell, a Yale, and Dartmouth graduate. All men of experience in the game. They played a typical, close checking American game in the first half, and we only had them 9 to 8. In the second half Varsity got going, and seemed to "hit their stride," for the first time, and all through the second half it was easy for Toronto. In the New York Herald, the Crescents stated, that "Toronto had played the fastest game they had ever seen on their courts." They are very anxious far a game next year.

Syracuse won their game during the first half. In the second half Varsity scored 18 points to 15 by Syracuse. It may seem like poor sportsmanship to offer any excuse for this defeat, but the fact remains, that the floor at Syracuse was in far better condition to dance on than to play basket ball on. It was impossible to stop or turn quickly. Syracuse wear a special shoe, made for them in Syracuse, with a sole of very soft gum rubber. three quarters of an inch thick. They afford a splendid purchase on any floor.

But whether defeat or victory comes to the teams we send out to represent our University, matters very little indeed, so long as we can feel sure that we have shown a spirit of good sportsmanship and have tried to live up to a high ideal of sport. This feeling I believe, the Varsity team showed fully in all their games as did also, in every case, our opponents and hosts.

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