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## Editorial Comments.



We understand that the Class of '93 have decided, though by no means unanimously, to adopt a class color. Without presuming to interfere with the rights and liberties of the free and independent members of that year, we think that such a proposal needs more general consideration, and should be approved by the

undergraduates as a whole before any decisive action is taken in the matter. The different class societies cannot ignore the fact that they are each only *one* year of *one* of the various colleges in affiliation with the University of Toronto. When Victoria comes, as it will in a few years, the necessity for wearing the distinctive *college* colors will be more apparent even than it is now, and the adoption of any additional system of colors would lead to confusion and uncertainty. Blue and White are the colors of University College, not of the University of Toronto. The Medical College has its own colors, Victoria College will have hers, and the School of Science men have, or should have, theirs.

In these cases distinguishing colors are extremely convenient and should be worn more generally than they are. But if the students of University College adopt four more colors according to the various years, the result will be that the old Blue and White will disappear entirely and the symmetry of the system will be broken. We are in fact wavering between the American system of managing things by "years" and the English method of managing them by "colleges." The legal foundation of the University, providing for the affiliation with it of a number of distinct colleges, speaks strongly in favor of the latter method. University College is the only affiliated College which has taken a step towards the American plan by the organization of class societies, and it is tolerably certain had not the distinction between the College and the University been so faint in the past, had there always existed other colleges as strong in number by her side, that the class society movement would not have taken quite so strong a hold as it has. We do not regret the organization of the class societies in University College; they are of especial benefit to the students of the lower years; but it is particularly desirable that when they reach the upper years at any rate the "class" spirit should yield to the "college" spirit. The bearing which these circumstances, hastily noticed and deserving certainly still more general discussion, have upon the color question is sufficiently obvious. The *college* color must not disappear, and though the adoption of some unobtrusive mark to distinguish the years, a mark which would be an entirely "*intra-college*" affair, might not necessarily overshadow the Blue and White, yet the danger is great enough, we think, to justify caution on the part of '93 before they go any further in the direction proposed. At any rate the question is surely one for the students as a whole to deal with, not one particular year.

We regret to announce that Mr. S. B. Leacock has been compelled to resign his position as editor on THE VARSITY staff, owing to lack of time in which to fulfil his duties to his own satisfaction. In severing his direct connection with the paper, we lose one of our ablest writers;

but our loss will in some measure be lessened by our knowing that Mr. Leacock will still be a frequent contributor.

A correspondent in another column calls attention to the changes which are being made in the character of the Literary and Scientific Society. We cannot but admire the Cato-like firmness with which Mr. Standing opposes the innovations that are going on, and none can deny that his conception of what a truly *literary* and *scientific* society ought to be is essentially correct. On the other hand, it is, we think, unquestionable that there should be such a "students' union" as the writer describes; and if it is found that the two cannot be successfully combined, the question to be decided is which should give way to the other. Considering the other societies of a literary or quasi-literary character, which exist in the University and whose number grows apace, one might argue that a students' union is the more necessary. As yet, however, the business which the students have to transact has not materially interfered with the literary part of the proceedings, and until it does so the relegation of the latter to other minor societies and debating clubs need not be seriously discussed.

Now that the athletic season, with its many triumphs and its few defeats, has passed once more, all must experience a certain regret that so small a part of the college year is suitable for the sports in vogue among us. The long, weary winter season is here again with no amusements to enliven it. It is certainly discreditably to us as Canadians who often glory in our bracing climate that we should have no winter games to succeed those which have now come to an end. There are many amusements, such as curling, hockey, skating, etc., which it requires the coldest weather to enjoy, and there is no reason why they should not be introduced among us. The President's suggestion that a skating rink be built is worthy of more attention than some seem to think. Indeed, it is rather a matter of surprise that, living in the climate we do, no winter move has ever been made in this direction. We hope this will not pass by without something being done, and if an Athletic Association is formed, as now seems probable, we would suggest this question for their first and most careful consideration.

We have noticed of late a tendency to use the terms "Senior," "Junior," "upper years" and "lower years" in a very loose and irrational manner. For the sake of those who may be unacquainted with the real significance of these terms some explanation of them may not be out of place. In the first place, the terms "Senior," "Junior," "Sophomore" and "Freshman" are not officially recognized by the college authorities, as is the case in most American universities; but for common use they are so much more convenient than the phrases "fourth year men," etc., that their adoption by the undergraduates is natural enough. The Seniors, then, are the fourth year men only, not the second, third and fourth men taken together. The Juniors are the third year men only, not the Freshmen, nor yet the Freshmen and the Sophomores. The term "upper years" should be applied only to the third and fourth year men; the term "lower years" only to the Freshmen and Sophomores. The term "Freshman," too, seems to be considered by some as a term of reproach; some seem to think they are guilty of an act of impoliteness if they use the term in referring to the first year, but we see no ground whatever for such false and unreasonable delicacy.

## ALL FOR THE BEST.

"All for the Best." It is a lie  
 To say that it were best to part.  
 Oh, Love! how often you and I  
 Have sworn together, heart to heart,  
 That it were better far to die,  
 Than live and love, and live apart;  
 "For what were Life if thou wert not!  
 And what were Death if thou were there  
 To share with me my heavenly lot,  
 Or sweeten all my sad despair!"  
 'Twas thus I cried in the days gone by,  
 And a passionate kiss was thy fond reply.

All that is past. And now you say  
 You never loved me as you thought;  
 That all these years we've been astray—  
 You cannot love me as you ought,  
 And it is best to know the truth  
 Before we've stepped beyond recall,  
 And wrecked too soon our budding youth,  
 Our Life, our Love, our All in All.  
 And wearily I acquiesced—  
 That, after all, perhaps 'twas best.

Thou coward heart! thus to receive  
 A solace for thy broken rest  
 In empty words; thus to relieve  
 The ache within thy throbbing breast!  
 Words are not Truth; they cannot heal  
 The tortured quiverings of a heart  
 That in the throes of Death will feel  
 The life-blood give one last fond start,  
 If mention be but made of thee—  
 And then throb through Eternity.

It can't be best that we should part:  
 God knows it can't be best that I  
 Should bear within my breast this heart  
 That thrills with life, yet longs to die.  
 It can't be best that I go mad  
 At thought of one that used to be  
 My Life, my Love, my Ecstasy.  
 It can't be best—and yet I'll try  
 To whisper, Love, for thy dear sake,  
 Though brain doth reel and heart doth break,  
 "All for the Best;" and God on high  
 Already doth record the lie.

EDMUND YORK.

## THE STUDY OF CLASSICS.

In one of the educational journals a few weeks ago Mr. H. Rushton Fairclough discussed the present state of the teaching of the classics in our schools and colleges. He admitted that the common objection against the study of Greek and Latin, viz., that the time spent upon them is out of all proportion to the results achieved, was only too well founded. He showed that the fault lay not in the languages but in the method employed in their elementary teaching. The literatures of Greece and Rome are so closely connected with all the later branches of knowledge that they must never lose the prominent position they hold in the curriculum of liberal studies; but the mode of teaching Greek and Latin in the schools rests on a principle completely false. To quote his own words: "Under the present system we fail to give our students a reading power in Latin and Greek. As Professor Hale puts it: 'What they get is not the power to read Latin—to confine what I have to say to that language—but the confirmed habit of attempting to dig out the meaning by a slow, painful and dangerous process. We set our students to work at learning to read Latin by a method founded on unreason—a method which refuses to think the thought as the Roman thought it, and substitutes instead a process of hunting up one thing wherever it may be in the length and

breadth of the sentence, and then another, perhaps far removed, and then another to be patched upon the first and then another to go with the second, and then another and another, and so on, with the blessing of heaven on the result, or not, as the case may be.'"

After explaining the existing evil Mr. Fairclough pointed out some means by which the system might be improved. Among these he urged that pupils should be taught "to think in Latin and Greek." It is not often that classical subjects are discussed in Ontario journals and perhaps no writer hitherto had made any attempt to infuse vitality into the present lifeless method of teaching the dead languages. When the Classical Association is organized and engaged in active work, more enthusiasm may be looked for among those whose duty it is to foster a love for the magnificent literatures of Greece and Rome in the students of Ontario.

It might be interesting now to examine wherein defective elementary training has affected the student who pursues the study of the classics through the Honor Course in our own college. A belief is prevalent among the students, although not to so great an extent as it was a few years ago, that classical men, as a general rule, take little or no interest in college life. There is also a tendency among men in other courses to look upon the study of Latin and Greek as useless for one who is aiming at one of the professions or at some other sphere of active life. In answer to this latter objection little need be said. The practical uses to which a knowledge of the classics may be put are, of course, not very widely extended; but the training which the mind receives from a proper study of the Greek and Latin languages and of the works of the great thinkers of Greece is not such as can be despised by any man in whatever calling he may be. The former belief, however, seems to have some slight foundation. Most students enter the classical course, not as intelligent readers, but as mechanical construers, previously taught to use "that slow, painful and dangerous process," and those among them who cannot adopt a more rational method must develop under the pressure of work in the upper years into inevitable "pluggers."

One of the most conspicuous features of the classical course in our college is the lack of any organization for pursuing study beyond what is prescribed by the curriculum. It is whispered on reliable authority that a small band of Homeric enthusiasts used to meet last year under religious auspices for the study of their patron saint, but it appears that they made no attempt at the formation of a larger society. The action taken by the Freshman class a few days ago in forming a classical society of their own is commendable, but it may be doubted whether it is the better plan to have separate year's societies or only one society for all the years. At any rate the absence hitherto of a classical organization of some kind is but another evidence of the lack of spirit that has existed among the students of the classics. The need of a College Classical Society is manifest. By such a society the study of the classics would be made much more vigorous and interesting. Here the student would escape from the hard and fast lines of the curriculum, here he could learn to read Greek as the Athenian read it, and so find again the lost half of the grandeur of Homer and of the wit of Aeschylus and Sophocles. The members of such a society would be more able to catch the true spirit of the Greek tragedies; they might get as near to the mind and heart of Sophocles as we do to Shakespeare's.

A few years ago one of these dramas was played in Convocation Hall and it was by far the most remarkable event of the academic year. Nothing would give a greater impetus to the study of classics in the true spirit than the regular repetition of such a performance, and this would be one of the best works in which a Classical Society could engage; unless, indeed, the question is of sufficient importance to demand the attention of the Provincial Classical Association which is to be organized in the Christmas holidays.

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The second annual dinner of the School of Science was held on Friday evening, Nov. 28. At 8.30 p.m., about ninety gentlemen sat down to the appetizing "spread" prepared by Harry Webb, and speedily disposed of the good things put before them. After the inner man had been satisfied by all hands, the chairman, Mr. J. K. Robinson, arose and addressed a few words of welcome to the guests, and congratulation to the Dinner Committee, concluding by proposing the toast "Our Queen and Country." Messrs. Silvester and V. Marani replied, the former satisfying himself and all present by a mathematical proof that we live in the best country in the world. The latter gentleman then arose, with one of those butter-dishes (known as an eye-glass) in his eye, and in an able manner supplemented what the first speaker had said. Mr. Anderson then sang "The Maple Leaf Forever."

"The Faculty" was proposed by Mr. R. W. Thomson, and after the singing of the time-honored "Jolly Good Fellows," replies were given by Prof. Galbraith, Mr. Rosebrugh and Mr. C. Marani. The first speaker expressed his belief that, within a reasonably short space of time, we might expect a degree in Applied Science, and Mr. Marani was loudly applauded, on comparing Architecture to the beauty of the flower, and Engineering to the building of the stem which supported it. Mr. A. T. Laing then sang "The Good Rhein Wine," receiving an enthusiastic recall. "The Engineering Profession" was proposed by C. W. Dill, and replied to by Messrs. Lane and Lea, the former for Civil, and the latter for Mechanical Engineering.

Mr. J. E. McAllister followed with a recitation, and then Mr. Dunbar proposed the toast to "The Graduates," which was replied to by Messrs. Canniff, Burns, Mickle, Richardson, Bowman and Russell. "The Engineering Society" was proposed by Mr. W. Russell, and replied to by Messrs. Moore and Fairchild. This was followed by a song from Mr. H. J. Beatty, and a piano solo from Mr. Dill. Mr. Allan then, in a few touching words, referred to that poor down-trodden class "The Freshmen," and the toast was replied to with due decorum and modesty by Messrs. Watson and A. L. McAllister. "The Ladies" was proposed by Mr. H. D. Symmes, who coupled with his toast the name of Mr. "Betsy" Vickers. The blushing freshman arose, and in a few well-chosen words replied to the toast. During the evening a diversion was created by the singing of a song, the words of which were composed by Mr. Boustead, of the School of Science, to suit that ever popular air "Old Grimes." The warbler was Mr. D. G. Boyd, who, in sweet and melodious accents, described the probable eternal condition of our wayward janitor.

## PRIZE ESSAY.

The History and Political Science Association of Cornell is enabled, through the generosity of one of the professors in the university, to offer a prize of fifty dollars for the best essay upon the subject of "Electoral Corruption, its Causes, Extent and Remedy." The conditions of the competition are as follows:—

1. Anyone may write for the prize.
2. The tendency of the essays will be to stimulate in voters patriotism and a sense of individual responsibility; to expose existing corruption in whatever party and to show the reforming efficacy of a resolute public sentiment.
3. The essays are to be historical in argument, supported by facts, and free from political bias or party propagandism. The tone shall be moderate, the style plain and terse, and likely to interest alike the educated and uncultivated reader.
4. The essays are to be type-written, signed with a *nom de plume*, and the true name of the author to be enclosed in a sealed envelope, superscribed with the assumed name.
5. The length shall not exceed 5,000 words.
6. The successful essay shall become the property of the association.
7. All essays to be received on or before May 15, 1891.

The jury of award to pass upon the essays will be composed of President Charles Kendall Adams, Hon. George William Curtis and Hon. Joseph H. Choate. All communications on the subject and all essays should be sent to the secretary of the History and Political Science Association, C. A. Duniway, 231 E. State Street, Ithica, N.Y.

## A REJOINDER.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—It is true that Cicero may have had cause to complain of existing evils in his day, but Cicero's modern friend, "Non-Protectionist," has certainly not given good reasons for his attack on the gentlemen of the First Year. The complaints made are those of a spoilt child, which, not finding its selfishness and meanness appreciated on the play-ground, pines for the tolerance of its younger days and the license of the nursery.

What is this "Spirit of our Alma Mater" for which "Non-Protectionist" sighs in vain? The answer lies on the surface of his own words. On the part of Seniors it is to be one of condescension, selfishness, cruelty and cowardliness; condescension, in deigning to notice the existence of Freshmen; selfishness, in monopolizing all games, debates, offices, decent clothes, and freedom of speech; cruelty, in rendering on all occasions and by every possible means the lot of a Freshman an unhappy one; cowardliness, in expecting them to take insult and abuse without resisting. On the part of the Freshmen this spirit is to be one of cringing servility.

Consider in what pleasant lines the lot of a Freshman is cast. Introduced on Convocation Day in all his innocent bashfulness, with howls and shrieks of "freshie," the "genial current of his soul" becomes somewhat clogged. Gagged at all meetings, especially the Literary Society, he forgets the cunning of his tongue. Insulted if he dress like a gentleman, he soon dons the garb of a tramp. Sat on in the Glee Club, the once merry echo of his guileless voice becomes tainted with sadness. Hustled in the halls, he must needs take to the window. And for all this he must turn the other cheek and render respect unto his tormentors. Truly their treatment would bring a blush on the painted face of a cannibal.

Notwithstanding all this, behold what the conduct of the Freshman should be, as depicted by the charitable "Non-Protectionist." The essential characteristic is a total want of respect for himself. He dare not excite the envy of the Seniors by being a man. He must display a fondness for kicks and love the kicker. His voice must never be heard where Seniors are wont to sit in judgment. He is to fully appreciate hustling; feeling himself the object of attraction, he must not resist or even defend himself like a man, but calmly and meekly submit, inspired by the consoling thought that it is his duty to furnish diversion for the Seniors. In a word, he is to act like a perfect nonentity.

Gentlemen, you will look in vain for a manifestation of such conduct in the Freshmen of to-day. They are men who admire manliness but resent bullying. The position held by the Seniors will be one of respect if they will make it so. The Freshmen would be proud to look up to the Seniors with admiring eyes, but so far many of them have not given us reason for so doing. Seniors may command the Freshmen's respect by a kind and gentlemanly deportment, but never by brute force.

FRESHMAN.

[We have given the above space in our columns because every undergraduate has a right to be heard, but we cannot but think that our correspondent has seriously misstated the actual condition of affairs and misconceived the attitude of the students in the years above him; and we are sure he will be the first to recognize this when a year or two has gone by. However, we trust the men of the upper years and even the Sophomores will not allow their equanimity to be permanently disturbed by this vigorous attack.—ED.]

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### THE PUBLIC DEBATE.

**T**HE first public debate of the year '90-'91, and the one hundred and forty-eighth in the history of the Literary Society, was held in the School of Science building last Friday evening. In spite of the comparatively prosaic nature of the surroundings there was a large turn out, and the censors were compelled to institute a series of raids on the platform for chairs, and even to make occasional calls on the chivalry of students occupying eligible seats. Professor Ashley presided during the evening at the request of the Executive Committee. The President, Mr. Gibson, also took his seat on the platform and delivered the inaugural address, which was received with well-deserved applause and enthusiasm. Mr. McNicol was the reader, and Messrs. J. M. Godfrey, R. H. Knox, J. A. Cooper and J. A. McLean the speakers of the evening. The Glee Club, as usual, appeared several times, and was invariably greeted with loud applause. The debate was on the subject of Imperial Federation. Messrs. Godfrey and Cooper supported and Messrs. Knox and McLean opposed the scheme. The speeches were all of high merit, but victory, under the guidance of Professor Ashley, inclined to the affirmative. The great student body seemed rather cowed by the want of the gallery, but they by no means let the audience lose sight of their existence, amidst the labyrinths of abstract speculation. After the programme was ended, Mrs. Blake presented the prizes won in the recent rifle match by members of the well-known K Company, *praesidium nostrum et dulce decus*, the pride of our own and the envy of surrounding nations. Even more than the ordinary enthusiasm was shown on this

occasion, and the honor which Mrs. Blake had conferred on the society and on the University Company was well appreciated. After the conclusion of the ceremony our great national extinguisher, "God Save the Queen," was started up, and the meeting dissolved. The boys insisted on serenading the ladies as they passed out in voices far from sentimental, but, the audience having departed, the crowd, after a few ineffectual attempts to haze Mr. Graham, the janitor of the School of Science building, quietly dispersed.

### CHANGES IN THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

SIR,—Some of the changes made in the Constitution of the Literary Society last Friday evening are of sufficient importance I think to merit further discussion. A few years ago the idea was suggested, or at least was brought into prominence, that the Literary Society, being the only society including students of all classes attending the University, might properly consider all matters relating to the well-being of the students in general; that in it all student grievances might be ventilated, and action taken to secure their redress. Thus from the fact that the Literary Society by virtue of its usefulness as a literary and debating society did consist of all classes of students was deduced rightly or wrongly the inference that incidentally it might also serve the purpose of a students' union. Since that time the students' union idea has made such progress that, to judge from the wearisome iteration of the phrase "whereas it is in the interest of the student body" which has occurred so often lately in preambles to resolutions, one cannot help thinking that the so-called Literary Society is not primarily a literary society at all, but simply a corporate organization of the undergraduates. It seems to have become a mutual benefit society as well which encourages the marksmen in K Company by offering prizes at their annual rifle match, or patronizes the game of football by a generous contribution to the club's treasury, while in the next breath it abolishes the prizes formerly given for public speaking and essay writing. I do not object to the abolishing of these prizes—I am not sure that the system of prize-giving is of much value in any case—but I do object to making the Literary Society first of all a mere students' union. All undergraduates of the University should be among its members, but they should be there because it is useful to them in its proper character. No one should be admitted to membership in it, much less be forced into membership against his will, who is not in active sympathy with its proper objects.

The change made in the laws last Friday evening constituting all male students of the University members by that fact of the Literary Society is, I venture to think, objectionable and dangerous to the welfare of the society. Some of us would like to see at least the grosser abuses of our annual elections reformed, among them the paying of fees in return for votes and the "brute force" method of influencing the result. But how can we hope to effect any reform in this direction while two-thirds of us vote in favor of the wholesale admission of students to membership in order to make sure that all, who on election night will vote for the party which pays their fees, shall be otherwise gratified? A gross abuse of our present system is made the reason for altering the Constitution so that it will countenance that abuse.

Further, in order to permit of this change in the mode of admission to membership the definition of membership has been changed also. This change was made apparently without any appreciation of its inconsistency.

If the Literary Society is to be the organized body of students, surely an important part of that body—the lady undergraduates—should not be specifically shut out from the privilege of membership. They probably have grievances; they certainly are not lacking in the student spirit, and they are undoubtedly a part of the student body.

Then why not make them members of the Literary Society whether they will or not, just as we have made all others? To be consistent this is what we ought to do. To be just we ought to have allowed the first article in the Constitution to remain as it was, leaving to all classes of students the privilege of remaining outside our society as long as they chose and allowing them to enter it as soon as its members chose to admit them.

It is hardly necessary for me to say in conclusion that in what I have written here I do not allude in the slightest degree to the management of the present General Committee. It has managed the affairs of the society thus far with marked success. All I have done is to discuss some of the principles underlying recent changes in the Constitution. My position may be summed up in a sentence or two. First, the Literary Society should be primarily a literary and debating society, and only incidentally a society for guarding the interests of students in general. Secondly, membership in it, or at least the franchise at elections, should be restricted to those who are sufficiently interested in its work to qualify themselves for full membership voluntarily.

T. W. STANDING.

### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—If you will grant me a little space in your valuable paper through which to say a few words with reference to a subject that is ranking in the breasts of the medical students, it will confer a favour. Our worthy and honoured professors have the very—to themselves—delightful habit of neglecting to give their lectures at the hours stated on the timetable, doubtless thinking that the students, taking after themselves, are clever enough to lose several hours each week and not suffer for it in the spring. It makes a man very sweet-tempered to find, after getting out of bed in the morning so as to be in time for an early lecture, that professor So-and-So "regrets he will be unable to attend, but hopes to meet the gentlemen on the following day." Now if that professor had been considerate enough to send word the previous day to say he couldn't come, he would spare the gentlemen a great loss of time, temper, and, in some cases, strong language.

A few more complaints. A lecture is supposed to occupy fifty minutes of each hour, thus allowing us ten minutes before the next lecturer is ushered in, to collect and arrange in our minds or note-books the great and mighty truths that have, in many cases, been hurled at our heads in a rather dislocated sort of fashion during the better part of the hour. This is the ideal style of attendance, but I don't think that I have seen six professors come in on time since the term commenced; they come in anywhere from five to thirty minutes late, and either stop immediately time is called, or perhaps stung by their consciences (?) try to make amends and talk on into the next man's hour. There is one professor in particular who persists in sitting in his chair in the faculty-room, while the recollections of the palmy days of his youth (before he became a pillar of the church), pass slowly, oh! so slowly! through his brain, keeping time to the softly falling footsteps of the cop on the beat outside, for some considerable time after the bell has been rung, and then has a sufficient development of nerve to request that it be rung again on the plea that he didn't hear it the first time. Even after this second ringing as much as ten minutes often elapse before he appears in the lecture-room. Should such a state of affairs continue? I think not. If, as these gentlemen would have us to believe, they lecture for the love of it and for the mental advancement of the students, and not (perish the thought!) for mere mercenary advantage in the shape of filthy lucre, why don't they give the boys what they pay for? If they are not able, why not retire and make way for better men?

One day last week I was so unfortunately situated that I could not help overhearing part of a conversation that took place between one of the professors and the janitor;

judging from the drift of it, it is the intention to reproduce that beautiful piece of antique furniture, the roll-call. I understood if any of the boys happen to be absent the first day it is called, they will not be credited with any lectures they may have attended before. There are two months gone by; the boys, almost satiated with the rich intellectual diet served up to them by the professors, are beginning to drop lectures so as to get in some hard plugging at home. I am rather surprised that a body of such fine-looking men should display so little sense as to commence it now. They know when the students pay up their dollars, their tickets will be signed without a single murmur.

In the above tirade against people and things in general, I do not include the whole of the sage and erudite faculty, but "let those whom the cap," etc. The grievances would be remedied if the professors would be a little more considerate of the feelings and wants of the students, and not merely think of them as little banks that want nothing better than to pay out all their spare cash for the benefit of the College.

STUDENT.

PROF. WRIGHT SENT TO GERMANY.

Last Monday morning, in response to a call from Vice-Chancellor Mulock, the Medical Faculty of our University held a meeting, and received a very agreeable surprise from that gentleman. Mr. Mulock made some remarks *re* Koch's great discovery, in Germany, and said that he considered the investigating of that discovery of so much importance to our University and to Canada, that if the Faculty would select a man, a competent scientist, to go over and investigate the matter, he would furnish the funds necessary to pay all expenses, both those of the journey and those connected with the investigation, and the apparatus necessary to manufacture the lymph.

Prof. R. Ramsay Wright was the unanimous choice of the Faculty. On being asked to take the matter in hand, he kindly promised to do so; and as the matter was one that demanded immediate attention, he promised to get ready to start the next day. Accordingly, on Tuesday afternoon, Prof. Wright went to Union Station to take the early evening train. Here he was met by a crowd of very enthusiastic medical students—over two hundred in all—who, as usual, made their presence known in their own peculiar way. Amid their cheers of encouragement Prof. Wright departed.

Mr. Mulock, by his generosity, has completely won the heart of every medical student. If Prof. Wright is successful in his mission, and if the chemical compound, known as "Koch's Lymph," is as effective as is hoped, our students will go forth from the School armed with a weapon more capable of dealing Death death-blows than any generation of medical students that has preceded them. But time will "a tale unfold." Our hearts are with Prof. Wright.

### McGILL BANQUET.

G. H. Ferguson, our Business Manager, who represented Toronto University Arts Faculty at the McGill dinner on the 20th ult., reports having had a most delightful trip. He was received and entertained in a manner that only college men can entertain. The dinner, which was the first University dinner given by McGill, was a magnificent success and completely eclipsed the old faculty dinners of former years. Besides doing a great deal to promote the proper spirit of union and good fellowship between the several faculties it is a great advertisement to the institution. Now, since we are not likely to have a *conversazione* this year, why cannot Toronto have a grand union banquet? A committee has been appointed by the Literary Society to consider what event would best take the place of our annual *conversazione* and report to the society. We would recommend the above suggestion to their favorable consideration, feeling assured that it will meet with the approval of the whole student body.

## The Sanctum Philosopher.



THE Sanctum Philosopher was absent from his usual place last issue, and can think of no better apology to his readers than to inform them of the business which engrossed him so much as to exclude literary work. All may be summed up in one sentence, and you are hereby informed that the S.P. was closeted with the Hon. the Minister of Education for the past two weeks, and that the leaving examination has at last been exhaustively discussed.

At the first interview the Minister seemed much agitated, but on our assuring him that we would make things solid for him no matter what happened, he cheered up somewhat and began to explain. The proposition that the matriculation of Toronto University should be made the standard for all universities and the basis of the leaving examination had produced such a storm of abuse, he explained from the denominational colleges that he had been compelled to abandon the project. He had then proposed the name of each sectarian university in turn only to find the din increase with each new name. The smallest making the greatest clamor as is usual with infants and the inferior animals generally.

A portion of the ministerial load of despair was thus transferred to our willing breast.

After spending a couple of hours in rehearsing the moves in this fatal game, we having girt our philosophic robes about us, departed not however before recommending to the careful study of the potentate the now obsolete fifteen puzzle or pigs in clover.

We spent whole nights in the secluded calm of the Varsity sanctum in agonized thought, and finally devised a scheme which has received the approval of the cabinet and has been embodied in an act which occupies first place on the government programme for the approaching session.

By this act a new university is established to be known as the University of Moon College. It is to be affiliated to Toronto but kept sufficiently separate to avoid denominational jealousy.

It has been argued by the most eminent scientists that too accurate a classification of the patients of an asylum cannot be made. That the physician should be able to tell by reference to his note book what has been the previous mental history of the patient, the growth of his mind, his intellectual tendencies, what he thought of Robt. Ellesmere, Annie Rooney and other deceased favorites is a matter of the utmost moment. In accordance therefore with the latest German theories, the asylum will be benefited and the matriculation dead-lock ended. It has been determined to enlarge the asylum, designate it University of Moon College, and conduct a regular matriculation examination which is to constitute the hitherto impossible standard of which no one will be jealous.

The control of the Moon College is vested in the Senate of Toronto University, the Lieut.-Governor in council, the Medical Board of the Asylum, the Senate of Moon College and the Street Railway Committee of the City Council. It will be at once seen that the government of the new university will be shrouded in the same mystery as that of Toronto, as each and every one of the bodies named can

veto any act of any of the rest. A number of chairs will be established on the well-known principle of Canada for the Canadians. It is hoped that the establishment of the chair of English science, political literature and metaphysics will provide a professional gown (fur-lined) for a pair of shoulders that have shivered on Varsity's front steps for a number of years past.

The official belief is strong that Queen's College and the Kingston asylum will no longer scout the idea of confederation when the scheme is carried out.

The philosopher has been appointed examiner in history in advance, and so is able to give a few selections from the papers for next July.

### ENGLISH HISTORY.

I.—(a) Give Bill of Fare of Queen Elizabeth's breakfast on morning of February 14th, 1600.

(b) Give details of dishes thrown out by Parliament before the Bill was passed.

(c) Give cook's receipts employed.

II.—(a) Give exact number of pearls, etc., composing the crown jewels lost in The Wash in the reign of King John.

(b) Give sketch of trial and execution of dishonest laundress who lost the jewels.

III.—(a) Describe the cloak thrown in the mud by Sir Walter Raleigh, giving the number of steps taken on it by the Queen.

(b) Whether her right or left foot was first placed on it.

(c) Number of buttons on it and number of yards of gold thread used in embroidery of right cuff and left pocket flap.

(d) Historical sketch of tailor who made the garment.

### HUNTING TOUR.

(WITH APOLOGIES TO SCOTCHMEN GENERALLY).

Willie :

When ye gang awa', Ramsey,  
Far across the sea, laddie,  
When ye gang to Germanie,  
What will ye send to me, laddie?

Ramsey :

I'll send ye a braw new gown, Willie,  
A braw new gown so gay, laddie,  
And it shall be o' purple and gowd,  
For Convocation Day, laddie.

Willie :

Oh, that's nae gift ava, Ramsey,  
Purple and gowd and a', laddie,  
And had I kent ye'd do nae mair  
Ye ne'er had got awa', laddie.

Ramsey :

I'll send ye Koch's grand lymph, Willie,  
A tuberculosis cure, laddie,  
I'll send it o'er from my Hunting Tour  
And the glory shall be yours, laddie.

Complaints reach the management of THE VARSITY that in many cases copies of the paper with the subscribers' names attached are removed by those to whom they do not belong. This is probably the result of inadvertence, but it is nevertheless very exasperating to those who thus fail to obtain their papers. We appeal to the students to exercise care in this matter.

THE FOOTBALL CONTEST.

RUGBY RECORD.

The following is the record of the Rugby Club for the past season, together with some statistics which will be of interest as showing the success of the club since its organization. The figures have been gathered with some difficulty, and compiled in such a way that a vivid comparison may be drawn:—

First Fifteen.—*Back*: McQuarrie, '92; *Halves*: Senkler, '91, McKay, '91, Bunting, '92; *Quarter*: McClean, '91 (Captain); *Wings*: Burson, '91, Lucas, '91, Moss, '91, Hutchins, '93; *Forwards*: Pope, '91, Symmes, '91, Boyd, '91, Lash, '94, Moran, '91, McLaughlin, '92. Average weight, 158.

Games played.	For.	Against.
Oct. 18th,—vs. Toronto . . . . .	Lost . . . . . 6	16
Oct. 21st,—vs. U. C. C. . . . .	Won . . . . . 32	9
Oct. 25th,—vs. Queen's . . . . .	Lost . . . . . 5	29
Nov. 13th,—vs. Trinity . . . . .	Won . . . . . 16	13

Points scored . . . . . 59 67

Second Fifteen.—*Back*: Crane, '94; *Halves*: Gilmore, '94, Bain, '94, Parker, '93; *Quarter*: Smith, '94; *Wings*: Moss, C., '94, Cross, '94, Laidlaw, '94, Clayes, '94, McCrae, J., '92, Boyd, '94; *Forwards*: Cronyn, '94, McCrae, T., '91, Vickers, '93, Lash, N., '94, D. J. Armour, '91 (Captain). Average weight, 152.

Games played.	For.	Against.
Oct. 11th,—vs. Canadians . . . . .	Drawn . . . . . 4	4
Oct. 18th,—vs. Toronto . . . . .	Won . . . . . 20	13
Oct. 25th,—vs. Trin. Col. Schl. . . . .	Won . . . . . 17	0
Oct. 27th,—vs. Canadians . . . . .	Won . . . . . 9	0
Oct. 29th,—vs. U. C. C. . . . .	Won . . . . . 14	7
Nov. 1st,—vs. Ontarios . . . . .	Won . . . . . 16	8

Points scored . . . . . 80 32

Statistics:—

FIRST FIFTEEN.

Date.	Matches.			Points.	
	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Won.	Lost.
'85 . . . . .	5	1	1	159	23
'86 . . . . .	5	1	2	230	24
'87 . . . . .	6	1	0	194	29
'88 . . . . .	4	1	1	73	6
'89 . . . . .	7	0	0	185	24
'90 . . . . .	2	2	0	59	67
Totals . . . . .	29	6	4	890	173

SECOND FIFTEEN.

Date.	Matches.			Points.	
	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Won.	Lost.
'85 . . . . .	2	1	0	45	9
'86 . . . . .	2	0	0	47	0
'87 . . . . .	1	0	0	31	7
'88 . . . . .	0	1	0	0	10
'89 . . . . .	1	3	0	37	52
'90 . . . . .	5	0	1	80	32
Totals . . . . .	11	5	1	240	110
Total points scored . . . . .				1,130	283

An examination of the above will show that ten of the first fifteen graduate this year, and will probably not be available next season; and that eleven of the second fifteen are freshmen. Seventeen of the whole thirty are from Upper Canada College, ten of them being on the second. It is satisfactory to note that probably all of the second fifteen, including the captain, will be in attendance next year.

In regard to the results of the season, as tabulated above, it is not our intention here to point out the demerits

of the junior team because they have not shown any, nor do we intend to demonstrate the merits of the seniors, for the same reason. But we may be pardoned if we speak rather plainly in reference to the causes of reverses and success. In no former year in the history of Varsity football were the prospects better, and, in spite of that, the record of the first fifteen has never been so discreditable. The cause must be either indifference on the part of the players, or hard luck, or incapable officials, but we are not at liberty here to decide which.

The success of the second is unprecedented, as shown above, and is, in a large measure, due to efficient management.

The tendency to have the game Americanized, either partly or *in toto*, has been so strongly displayed this year that we feel satisfied that this year will be the last in which the English game is played in Canada. But, judging from the success of the city teams in Canada this year, football will probably never be wholly confined to the colleges as is the case across the border, nor do we ever hope it will.

ASSOCIATION GAMES.

The disciples of Euclid of '93 strove to overcome the disciples of Homer of the same year on the football field on Thursday last, but were defeated by a score of 5 to 1. Problem for some mathematical head: Natural Sciences defeated Political Sciences 1-0, Political Sciences defeated Classics 3-1, Classics defeated Mathematics 5-1; what would be the score if Natural Sciences played Mathematics?

The following despatch reached the office on Saturday last:—

“WINNIPEG, Nov. 25, '90.

“Gordon Bell, B.A., Class of '86, has had his foot amputated at the Winnipeg General Hospital, the result of an injury received at football.”

Bell was widely and favorably known during his academic course at Varsity. He took a keen interest in all matters of interest to students and made for himself a host of warm friends, all of whom will regret to hear of his sad and severe affliction.

EXCHANGES.

We have received two monthlies from Pennsylvania—the Swarthmore College *Phoenix* and the *Haverfordian* from Haverford. Both bear evidences of prosperity, and are thoroughly in keeping with the progressive spirit of the times.

The *Nassau Literary Magazine* and the *Harvard Monthly* represent the highest literary work of the students at Princeton and Harvard. The *Nassau Lit.* is a dignified magazine of sixty pages devoted to literary criticism, fiction, original verse, and book reviews. It is exceedingly creditable, though the articles vary in literary excellence and finish. The extended book-notice department is an unusual feature in college journalism. We understand that the authorities encourage literature among the students at Princeton by allowing the editors of the college papers one course in the English department in virtue of their official work. The *Harvard Monthly* is younger and smaller, but very bright and wide awake. The success of such magazines and the excellence of the essays they publish show that college journalism is no longer in the experimental stage.

The Messrs. J. E. Bryant & Co. have favored us with a copy of their latest publication, “The Protestantism of the Prayer Book,” by Rev. Dyson Hague, Halifax. The author is a graduate of the University of Toronto, and also of the Wycliffe College, and was formerly rector of St. Paul's Church, Brockville. From the very cursory glance given, it appears to be a well-written and instructive work. The letter-press and the external appearance of it are very fine.



## 'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

Prof. Mills was unable to lecture last week.

Several Varsity men went to New York to see the Yale-Princeton Rugby match.

Prof. Proudfoot concluded his lectures on Roman Law last Wednesday afternoon.

The genial Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. captained the football team at Detroit and Chatham.

W. Hardie, '91, led at the Y.M.C.A. meeting on Thursday. Subject: "Our Crucified Lord," John xv. : 13.

We regret to learn that Dr. Barker, House-Surgeon at the General Hospital, has been seriously ill for a few days.

The Freshman meeting on Saturday evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall was highly successful. A fuller report will appear next week.

One noticeable feature of the Public Debate was the extraordinary number of Freshmen who appeared as escorts to their lady friends.

Harrison, '86, has returned from St. Mary's, where he has of late been studying law. Tommy has concluded to give up nomadic life and has anchored at McCarthy's.

Dr. G. A. Peters, Demonstrator in Anatomy at the Medical School, has had conferred upon him the degree of F. R. C. S., London. This is, we believe, an extraordinary distinction, there being only one other such degree held in Canada.

The Toronto *News*, in describing Hon. Arthur Stanley, who was in town last week, has the following: "He is short, and rather stout and very much resembles 'Watty' Thompson, the well-known centre forward of the Varsity Football Team." Thompson should feel his importance hereafter.

"Resolved, that Political Economy inculcates selfishness," was the subject debated by the Political Science Club of '93 at its meeting held on the 24th ult. The question was ably handled on both sides, the speakers being: Pro, Messrs. Pettinger and Phillips; and Con, Messrs. Parker and Beattie. Taken as a whole, the debate was by far the best yet held by the club. Prof. Ashley, in summing up, accompanied his decision for the affirmative with a few lucid remarks on the subject.

The Natural Science men of '93 were disappointed in not receiving tickets for admission to Professor McKay's lectures in Physics as they were informed by Professor Wright that the course of lectures was intended for the Science men of the second year Arts as well as for the medicals. Who are these lectures for anyway?

One of our professors was heard to remark the other day, after having read *THE VARSITY*, "One would think that the affairs of the University could be best managed by handing their control over to *THE VARSITY*." We would ask: "In whose hands would *THE VARSITY* be best managed?" We are undergraduates in a *Canadian* University, professor.

The lady students who attended Prof. McKay's lectures in Physics wish to say that they were treated most courteously by the gentleman on Thursday (20th), and also that they made no complaint whatever to the faculty. This should put an end to the reports that have been diligently circulated by a few of the more evil-minded to the effect that the ladies were very rudely and insolently treated.

PHILOSOPHY SEMINARY.—The Seminary for fourth-year Philosophy students, which meets weekly at the residence of Professor Baldwin, is attended by all members of the class as it is considered very profitable. At each meeting a paper is contributed on the work in Philosophy and vigorous discussion ensues thereon. At the meeting last week Mr. Mel drum read an essay on Kant's "Deduction of the Categories."

The debate at the Political Science Club's meeting on the 17th instant was particularly good. The subject was: "Resolved that it is important for Canadians to study the History of New France." The debaters were: pro., Messrs. McDougal and Strath, and con., Messrs. Lewis and Clarke. Although the decision naturally went to the affirmative, the negative side was very well handled. Mr. McEvoy presided and proved himself an able chairman. His remarks at the close were principally an amplification of the arguments on the affirmative side.

The Programme Committee of the Literary Society are going to make an experiment. The idea of inter-class debates, long talked of, at length approaches realization. Next Friday the men of '92, led by Perrin, will maintain that the world is getting better; the men of '93, led by Henry, will labor to prove that it is not. This will, no doubt, call out all the debating talent of the two years. It has also been decided to ask the different years to supply the remainder of the programme by turns and thus add to the emulation; '92 will lead off in this also.

Last Tuesday morning a large number of Arts men and Medicals assembled at the University at an early hour in order to secure good positions for the expected *r union*. The authorities, however, being wise in their generation, locked up the building for the forenoon and posted notices

to that effect, and accordingly the expected meeting did not take place. We do not wish to have the appearance of unduly encouraging these outbursts of lawlessness, but we would suggest that a few such occurrences during the spring examinations, with due notice sent to the authorities beforehand, might prove of solace to the student body in general.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.—The Club held an adjourned English meeting on Monday, Nov. 24, at which Carlyle was the subject for discussion. In the absence of Mr. McLay, the Secretary, Mr. Hellesms took the chair. The evening's proceedings were opened by a charming instrumental solo by Miss Topping. This was followed by a comprehensive essay, by Miss Waterworth, on "Carlyle's Life and Works." Miss Bunnel then gave an essay on Mrs. Carlyle, giving a clear insight into her character and her influence on the life of her husband. The next event was a reading by Mr. Cornyn, who chose Carlyle's "Death of Goethe" for his subject. Mr. Watson concluded the programme with "Heroes and Hero Worship." This was Mr. Watson's first appearance among us as an essayist, and he was well received. The meeting was well attended, especially by the ladies, and the numbers on the programme fully justified our expectation of a pleasant and profitable evening.

CLASS OF '91.—The annual meeting of the class was held in Y. M. C. A. hall on Wednesday, 26th inst., President T. W. Standing in the chair. In the absence of Secretary McLay, Mr. A. J. McKinnon was appointed Secretary *pro tem*. The meeting was very large, and enthusiasm worthy of the "Seniors" marked the proceedings. In answer to invitations Mr. S. B. Leacock was appointed representative to the University of Toronto Medical College dinner, W. Hardie to the dinner of '92, and R. Henderson to the dinner of '93. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with and resulted as follows: President, J. S. Scott; Vice-President, F. R. Lillie; Secretary, H. M. Ferguson; Treasurer, G. W. Robinson; Poet, S. B. Leacock; Orator, J. M. Godfrey; Historian, A. M. Stewart; Musical Director, D. Donald; Athletic Director, W. E. Buckingham. After a motion by Mr. G. H. Ferguson regarding the Graduating Class Picture, the meeting adjourned.

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