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## VARSAITY HOCKEY TEAM DRAW ONE, LOSE ONE

As Usual the Hockey Team Experience Difficulty in getting down to Practice in Time to Win Their First Game.

## PRACTICALLY A NEW TEAM

Draw with Newmarket in First Game and lose by 7-5 to Waterloo.

### NEWMARKET vs. VARSAITY.

In hockey, Varsity is always at a disadvantage. The initial practising of most teams is done during the Christmas holidays, and then our men are scattered all over the country, and they rarely come together for their first practice until the beginning of the second week in January. This forces them to play the first game without any practice to speak of. Taking this into consideration our men did well to play a draw game with Newmarket in the Intermediate series last week. The team was in poor shape but showed up well.

Goal, Treble; point, Winters; cover, Wright; forwards, Gibson (Captain), Broder, Caulfield, Gilfilkin. The score stood 7 all when time was called.

### WATERLOO, 7; VARSAITY, 5.

Late in the afternoon of last Monday no one but a prophet could have told whether Varsity would be represented at Waterloo that night, or whether a team could not be got together in order to prevent the disgrace of defaulting. For the time-being the team was somewhat demoralized and Manager "Bob" Parry was almost at his wits' ends. Fortune had certainly not smiled on the team, for Gibson was prevented from playing by the injury he had received at Newmarket, and Sheppard could not get away. Thus two of the fastest men on the team were not available, and some difficulty was experienced in filling their places. Finally, the management induced "Art" Snell to put on his skates once more, and help the team out, which he did. And with Snell in place of Gibson the forward line was the same as that which played against Newmarket.

Hard luck still followed the team, for by a hitch in the arrangements the men were forced to go on the ice with nothing in their stomachs except biscuits and cheese. It was strange, indeed, that they held out so long as they did on such a meagre fare. During the first half, in spite of some rough work on the part of Waterloo, they succeeded in getting the better of their opponents by the score of 3 to 2. During half time Hanley, Varsity's goal, had an accident, which handicapped him during the next half. He got a kick on the leg which, though not serious, kept him down a little.

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W. C. Laidlaw, B.A., Artillery.  
R. Blyth, B.A., 2nd Contingent.  
V. P. Odium, '03, 1st Contingent.  
Fredk. Davy, '03, Artillery.

### VARSAITY MEDS.

Lieut. J. J. McCrae, B.A., M.B., Artillery.  
Corp. Joseph Jordan, 1st Contingent.  
Frank Macdonald, Artillery.

### TRINITY MEDS.

Dr. Howard Barrie, '98, 1st Contingent.  
Archd. Anderson, 1st Contingent.  
Lieut. L. E. W. Irving, 2nd Contingent.  
S. Farrell, 2nd Contingent.  
W. J. Macdonald, 2nd Contingent.

### S. P. S.

O. Heron, 2nd Contingent.

### OSGOODE.

Lieut. R. Temple, 1st Contingent.  
(This list is as complete as possible.)

## HERE AND THERE

General Notes of Men and Events of Interest to Everyone.

If the weather prophet is propitious a good band will furnish music for the skaters at the University rink to-morrow. The band is an innovation this year, and will no doubt serve to make the rink more popular than ever, especially among the fair sex, and those who are attracted by the latter.

"Thrift" Burnside has quite recovered from his injury received in the Mulock Cup game between S.P.S. and '02 Arts. It will be remembered that he had his jaw severely injured by a kick. He is, we are glad to say, well once more.

The Canadian Inter-College Rugby Football Union will hold a general meeting to-morrow in Kingston for the purpose of discussing the proposed changes in the playing rules. Burnside's new code will come under discussion, and also a number of amendments to the present rules. The meeting is sure to be an important one. And it is to be hoped that some radical changes will be made to effect the improvement in the game that one and all desire.

The picture of the Senior Rugby team was unfortunately a failure. Whether the photographer, like the donkey in the song, did his best, or whether the subjects were more than ordinarily difficult, is hard to tell. At any rate the team is going to try again a week from to-morrow, the 27th of January.

The Rugby Club was particularly unfortunate last season, and ended an otherwise successful year with a deficit of seventy-five dollars. This deficit the management hope to wipe out by subscription, and no doubt they will, if the friends of the club only come to its aid in a reasonably generous manner. No club deserves more than the Rugby Club, and doubtless its many supporters will realize that.

It had almost been decided to hold another Rugby dance. The last one was so very successful that many wanted it repeated in the spring term; but it was thought that another dance would materially affect the success of the Varsity Conversation, and so the enterprise was abandoned.

Meetings for young men, particularly for students, to be addressed by well-known speakers, will be held in the Central Y.M.C.A. parlors, on Sunday evenings at 8.30. The meeting of last Sunday evening was well attended. The address was given by Hon. S. H. Blake, Chairman, Prof. Ballantyne (Knox). Next Sunday evening, January 21st, the meeting will be addressed by Rev. W. Patterson, Chairman, Dr. Tracey (University College).

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Athletic Association will be held next Wednesday afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, and all undergraduates are earnestly requested to be present, so that a large meeting may be obtained to discuss the very important changes that are proposed.

Edward Austin, the late millionaire of Boston, by his will bequeathed to Harvard \$500,000, and to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, \$400,000. These sums are to be used to aid poor and deserving students.

## AN ORATORY CONTEST BY VARSAITY LIT.

Hon. G. W. Ross has offered a prize for competition among the members of the Lit.

## A WELCOME INNOVATION

A Number of Entries. Event to be held Friday 26 h January.

One of the most interesting contests, which has ever taken place at Varsity, will come off at the regular Literary Society meeting on January 26th. This is the oratory contest, for which the Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, has kindly offered a suitable prize.

The following rules governing the contest were adopted by the Literary Society at its meeting on Friday night (December 15th):

1. That an oratory contest be held in January of each year, under the auspices of the Literary Society, to be known as the Oratory Contest of the University College Literary and Scientific Society.
2. That at each annual competition a suitable souvenir shall be offered, to be known as the University College Literary and Scientific prize for oratory.
3. That the competition shall be open to such members of the University College Literary and Scientific Society as have paid their fees.
4. That the subjects for oratory shall be suggested by the Executive of the Literary Society, and receive the ratification of the society at the last regular meeting of the Michaelmas term.
5. That if there are less than four competitors, one subject shall be suggested; more than four and less than eight, two subjects; eight, or more than eight, three subjects.
6. If there are four speakers or less, each speaker shall be entitled to 25 minutes; six, or more than four, to 20 minutes; eight, or more than six, 15 minutes.
7. That entries for the Oratorical Contest shall be made in writing to the Corresponding Secretary of the society, at or before the last regular meeting of the Christmas term.
8. That the contest shall be decided by three judges to be appointed by the Literary Society, on recommendations of the Executive.
9. That in the award, the following points be considered, and receive equal rating: (a) Delivery; (b) English; (c) Matter.

This year the time for entry was extended to December 25th, 1899, and eight entries resulted. They are as follows: Coleman, '00; Millman, '00; Garvey, '00; McLeod, '00; Stewart, J. F. M., '00; McCready, '01; Addison, '01, and Wilcox, '03. This, of course, means that the time for speaking will be restricted to 15 minutes, and that three subjects will be given to choose from. They are as follows: (1) Britain's place among the nations.

The judges appointed are Professor Alexander, Dr. Milligan, and Dr. Parkin. The list of entries promises a very interesting and brilliant array of speeches. Let all hands turn out on the 26th and encourage the boys in their attempts.

## VARSAITY MEDS.

During one of Dr. Spencer's personally-conducted tours through the General Hospital some time ago, a man was met with his jaw in a sling. On being questioned in regard to it, the fellow replied that he had been struck with an axe, while taking an active part in a row. "You had a load on at the time, had you not?" asked the doctor. "Oh, no, sir, the other fellow had, but I never drink," replied the wounded one. The doctor turning to the tourists at once remarked: "Let that be a lesson to you, gentlemen, the sober fellow always gets hurt."

It is understood that D.—M. King is ready and eager to vote and work for co-education in the Medical Faculty. The Arts' men are monopolists, he thinks.

"Herbie" Roaf's nerve cells must have worked over-time the other day, for he brought forth the following joke (?): Proposition: "To prove that a dog has three tails." No dog has two tails; one dog has one more tail than no dog; therefore, one dog has three tails.—Q. E. D.

The mystery of the Second Year still remains unsolved, up to the time of writing—what has become of "Billy" D.? The Ferguson murder case is a piece of straight string compared with the tangle that this Med's. case presents. Two weeks, almost, have come and gone, and yet only the most meagre details have passed the censor. Consequently, his sparring-part-

ner, "Billy" W., is much agitated. He doesn't know whether he is besieged by the Galt Boers, or inextricably entangled in the "tendinae chordae" of some fair heart. Strange rumors to the latter effect are afloat, but it is to be hoped that they will soon be dispelled by the "safe" return "of the besieged or entangled," as the case may be. Later—from our special war correspondent: The rumor has proved groundless. The slandered was innocent. The Varsity Meds. are responding cheerfully and liberally to the appeal for subscriptions to the Red Cross fund. The small sum of 25 cents has been asked, and needless to say, the men are all gladly aiding in this good work.

Varsity Meds. all feel honored at having one of their fellow-students on the second Contingent—Frank McDonald, of the Fourth Year. We are only sorry that we did not get a chance to say good-bye to him in right royal style—such as we tried to show to "Joe" Jordan; but he was summoned to Kingston on very short notice. However, he may be sure that the good-wishes for a safe voyage, and especially a safe return, go with him from every one of his fellow-students, whom he has honored by his patriotism. Fortunately, the telegraph can reach him, and already a telegraph money-order has been sent to him for thirty dollars. To this he replied, thanking all his fellow-medicals.

One discordant, but feeble, note is said to exist in the First Year in the person of a pro-Boerite. What his arguments are, or may be, or could be, no one knows or cares, but it has been suggested that he be christened "Oom Paulie Junior;" secondly, that he be treated as we would all like to treat his namesake; and thirdly, and "lastly," that he be presented to "George," as a birthday present.

Dr. Tanner has been appointed a demonstrator in Anatomy, in place of Dr. Hooper, resigned. The latter saw a good opening in the flourishing town of Brockville, and left very suddenly. We wish him every success.

What is the matter with calling the Varsity Hockey team, the "Varsity Meds. Hockey team?" The following Meds. chase the senior puck: Dr. Sheppard, "Art" Snell, '02; "Doc" Wright, '02; "Art" Winters, '03; and "Bob" Parry, '00, is manager. Pretty good showing!

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The first of the course will be a lecture on "Tennyson," by the able pastor of Old St. Andrew's, the Rev. Armstrong Black, on January 20th.

January 27th, the Canadian author, W. Wilfrid Campbell, F.R.S.C., will discuss "Literature and the National Life," and there is no man in Canada who should be better able to present the subject.

February 3rd, the prominent Canadian artist, Homer Watson, R.C.A., will give an illustrated lecture on "Some Great Landscape Painters and their Methods."

Another illustrated lecture will follow on February 10th. This time it will be on "The Picturesque Side of Wild Animals," by Ernest Seton Thompson, who has done so much to endear some of our Canadian wild animals to the reading public.

February 17th, Professor Alexander will discuss "The Novels of Jane Austen."

March 3rd, Louis Frechette, LL.D., C.M.G., at present so prominent in Canadian letters, will lecture on "French-Canadian Folk-lore."

The whole course is one of remarkable strength, and should draw large crowds. Tickets for the course may be obtained from the University Registrar, or from Tyrell & Co., 8 King street west, where seats may be reserved by holders of course tickets. Course of six lectures, \$1; single lectures, 25 cents.

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### SUBSCRIBE TO THE RED CROSS FUND.

All students should feel it their duty, as well as their pleasure, to assist those who are endeavoring to have the University of Toronto contribute an amount worthy of the institution for the Red Cross fund. Sacrifices for such a commendable and even necessary purpose, should be easy for all of us, and it is to be hoped that a large sum will be forthcoming.

### LAST ISSUE OF COLLEGE TOPICS.

With this issue, "College Topics" closes its year in the field of College journalism. And the circumstance that we are a newspaper essentially is that which necessitates our ceasing publication now. During this term there is little happening, except the long, dreary, midnight "plugging" in order that we may be ready to face the "destroyer" next May. Few functions remain to be held, and almost all "outside" attractions have gone into winter quarters. Thus, it is that "College Topics" is forced to follow them.

We may be permitted to mention that "College Topics" has gone ahead this year, which is sufficient evidence that the one newspaper reaching all the Colleges is meeting with increasing favor. Next year we hope to feel strong enough to enlarge the paper, and trust that our many present readers, and many new ones, will be with us next year. In conclusion, we wish all every success with their examinations this spring.

## Heard in the Halls.

Report has it that Mr. John Parry, B.A., has become a second Major Pond in the successful management of concerns.

Mr. L. E. Jones, '00, has once more returned to Varsity. Baseball enthusiasts are congratulating themselves on his return.

A man who wouldn't allow a third-rate physician to probe his lung, should take his watch to a specialist also, to insure good work.—Proctor.

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Baseball Club will be held in the Students' Union on Friday, the 19th inst., at 4.30 p.m.

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We understand that through some hitch in the arrangements, "Sesame" may not appear this year. We sincerely hope such may not be the case. Last year's bright little book was a credit to our lady undergraduates, and it is too bad if the undergraduate body are to be denied the privilege of possessing another such enjoyable volume.

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## VARSITY ATHLETICS TO BE REORGANIZED

Proposed Change in the Athletic Directorate by which that Body will be Abolished.

### A RADICAL CHANGE

Will be discussed at the Annual Meeting of the Association next Wednesday.

During the last decade, Athletics have made immense strides, not only throughout Canada and the Continent, but at the Universities. The University of Toronto has been no exception, but rather a splendid example of a remarkable advance. Ten years ago our excellent Gymnasium was only under way, the Rugby and other Athletic clubs had not nearly the prominence and influence they now have. Beautiful tennis courts have been laid out; golf links obtained, a flourishing baseball club organized, and also a lacrosse club, with its enjoyable annual tour in the States. Moreover, a rowing club has been formed, and almost every other branch of sport, including cricket and hockey, flourishes at our University. Formerly, too, there was but one field for all games—the present front campus. Then the back campus was put into condition for sports, and finally, a few years ago, chiefly through the exertions and enterprise of Mr. T. A. Russel, the splendid University athletic field was laid out and brought to its present excellent condition.

It will thus be seen that we are admirably provided both with healthy and progressive organizations for the fostering of the many branches of sport and athletics, and also with every facility for the carrying on of each and all of these. The only exception that can be made at present is that of the newly-formed track team. We have no foot-track yet, but it is hoped that this want will soon be removed.

Considering the immense and important part that Athletics play in the life and education of the majority of University students, it would be reasonable to suppose that they should be governed by some central authoritative body, capable of guiding clubs that tend to stray, and of directing one and all for the common good. But, though some believe that this is accomplished by the present Athletic Directorate, there are, we feel sure, a vast majority who realize that such a cumbersome and obviously faulty organization could not govern Athletics, as it was intended it should, and as they ought to be governed.

As it always has been, the secret of control over any club is the control of the treasury. If the exchequer is prosperous, the club is prosperous, and vice versa. But the fact remains that many clubs in the past have taken so little thought of the morrow that they have incurred impossible debts, in the non-payment of which the good name of the University has greatly suffered. Apart, too, from the financial independence of each club, there was not, until last year, any body with powers to control the actions of any club. The various managements could play whom they wished, under the University name, without anyone objecting; but the wise move taken by the Athletic Board in forbidding any club to use the name of the University of Toronto, until it had presented its credentials, has had a very beneficial effect in cleansing University athletics.

We will not discuss the organization of the present Athletic Directorate, for its very unwieldiness and lack of tangibility and directive authority are sufficient justification for its abolition; but we will consider the position which the Athletic Board is in with regard to athletics at the University. It is at present formed by three Faculty members and three undergraduate representatives, and has constituted itself, with the sanction of the Council, the governing body of the University in athletics. But although it can set down rules of conduct, etc., it has no definite, satisfactory powers over the various clubs, and cannot possibly have, under its present organization. It may, as it does, order a club to outline any special line of policy, such as a contemplated tour, and may require any club to obtain its consent for any policy, but it still has no control whatever, over the money taken in or disbursed, or for debts contracted by the various clubs. Thus we see a nominally governing Board, whose organization is such as to prevent its effecting the very things necessary for the proper carrying out of its most desirable functions. The key to effectual organization is centralization, and this can only be effected by a somewhat radical change in the whole constitution of the Athletic Board, and of the various athletic clubs at the University. The following plan, briefly outlined, has been suggested:

In the first place it is essential that Faculty representation should continue, and, consequently, three members at least would represent the Faculty on the Board. One of these members would be the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer. The student representation would probably consist of five men, who would be elected by delegates, either from the various athletic clubs or from the different faculties. This Board of eight would thus be thoroughly representative, and large enough without being cumbersome. The Board would formulate general rules of conduct, and would consider lines of policy in athletics. Through its Hon. Secretary-Treasurer, it would

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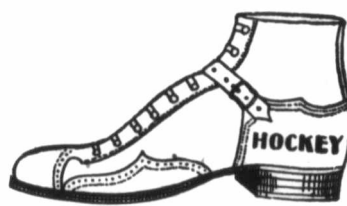
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But this Board has not yet obtained any definite control over the many athletic clubs, controlling, as they now do, various branches of sport. That is easily effected by the following simple plan: Instead of the Secretary-Treasurer of each club being elected at a meeting of the club, the Athletic Board appoints a man, preferably from the particular club, and he is the representative of the Hon. Secretary-Treasurer to the said athletic organization. He, however, can only contract debts or disburse money on the authority of the Honorary or Central Secretary-Treasurer. All money, too, would thus come into a central fund, and the stronger clubs would aid the weaker, whilst no debts would remain at the end of each academic year.

This, in brief, is the outline of the proposed change. That it would be effective in securing the centralization desired, and effectually controlling athletics in every way, no one will gainsay. Its whole success, however, seems to rest on the securing of a competent man to act as Hon. Secretary-Treasurer. He would obviously be from the Faculty, or else some young graduate with experience. It is to be hoped that the proposed change will meet with the approval of the undergraduates at the annual meeting to be held Wednesday next, at 4.30 p.m. in the Students' Union, at which all students are earnestly requested to be present.

From all that can be learned at present, the Century Class have given up the Year Book. It was hoped that the Varsity Meds. and S.P.S. would join in the undertaking, and indeed the former had agreed to do so. The whole affair now rested on a man they were unable to find—someone who would sacrifice a great deal



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However, the word went round that the University of Toronto's Harmonic Club was about to leave on its annual tour. After thirty, all told, had gathered about the pile of baggage on the floor, the popular business manager, A. H. Montgomery, gave the order to start, and each one shouldering his share, went whistling down to the private car awaiting them on track number five. The train pulled out for Guelph, and all went well until they reached this side of Parkdale, when the sudden stopping of the train caused all on board to wonder what was the matter. It was found out that Archie Mullin, '02, and the Mail and Empire special correspondent were on board, and after this being reassured, the boys devoted their time to making themselves comfortable.

At last they arrived at Guelph, and after rehearsal went to the homes where they were most hospitably entertained. It won't be necessary to give a detailed account of the concerts during the tour, any more than to say that the musical training of the club was first-class from every standpoint. Mr. George Smedley and Mr. Sherlock conducted the instrumental and glee parts of the club, respectively, in an exceedingly able manner. The tenor solos of Mr. Sherlock were well received, and well might they be, for he has an exceedingly mellow voice, which he uses with little or no apparent effort. Mr. Smedley's instrumental solos clearly demonstrated his masterful ability on stringed instruments. In the undergraduate talent, Mr. F. E. Brophy, by his elocutionary sketches, became a prime favorite throughout the trip. Mr. Jackson rendered his baritone solos, which are characterized by their range and depth of expression, very acceptably. The glees were given with a vigor and an ability that showed careful study and training on the part of the club, while the instrumental work was of the first order.

The boys went next to Berlin, and as they were by now settled down to their new life, enjoyed themselves immensely. That they were loath to leave is evidenced by the following, which they sung upon pulling out of the depot:

It was in Berlin I met her,  
She was charming, blonde and neat.  
We were seated in a garden,  
On a rustic German seat.

She was looking sadly pensive,  
And I said, "What is it, dear?"  
With a tender look she answered,  
In a whisper, low—"Zwei Beer."

They had now a long trip to St. Thomas, via London, where they had luncheon, and it is said that they studied for a change. This, however, cannot be vouched for. Upon arriving in the Railroad City, they found a handsomely decorated open street-car, which Postmaster Ingram had secured to take the boys around the belt-line, and out to the parks, in order that they might see the place. Mrs. Ingram gave badges to the boys, commemorative of their trip there. The citizens vied with one another in trying to make the visit of the boys as pleasant as possible. After the concert, the Postmaster entertained the boys to a banquet at Spencer's Cafe, where an excellent menu was provided. The leading citizens of the town were present, and speeches were the order of the evening. President Pirie called upon Mayor Meehan to occupy the chair. Speeches were given by Ald. McCully, R. H. McConnell, A. B. Ingram, M.P.; Dr. Burns, S. Price, Messrs. Smedley and Sherlock, and Messrs. W. Taylor and G. F. McFarland, for the boys. The recitations of Messrs. H. Roe and F. E. Brophy were heartily encored, while Mr. Sherlock and the boys gave solos and glees innumerable. The evening broke up with all present drinking the health of Postmaster Ingram (with enthusiasm).

The club left for Aylmer next day, in the afternoon, voting St. Thomas a banner city. On the close of the concert at Aylmer, the young ladies of the town gave a dance for the boys in the Town Hall, where all made merry until the wee sma' hours warned them it was time to stop, that the boys might catch the 6.50 a.m. train to Brantford.

There the officers and members of the Sons of Scotland, under whose auspices

the concert was held, looked after the Club. Everything went off without a hitch, and all enjoyed their stay in the city on the Grand. After the concert, the boys bade good-bye to those who lived west and did not intend returning to Toronto before going home. The trains next day carried homeward for the holidays a tired but happy-looking lot of boys. The officers who guide the destinies of the club this year are: President, Geo. Pirie; Treasurer, Robert Hume; Business Manager, A. E. Montgomery. The following are the fortunate ones who were on the trip:

Glee Club—1st Bass: Clark, Hume, Ingram, Jackson. 2nd Bass: Gourley, Pirie, Scott, Taylor. 1st Tenor: Brophy, Boehmer, Carpenter, Rowland. 2nd Tenor: Adams, Biggs, McFarland, Richardson. Banjo Club—Guitars: Montgomery, Hume. 1st Mandolins: Phipps, Parry, Parsons, Darling. 2nd Mandolins: Lazier, Richardson. Banjos: Arnott, Fletcher, Stratton, Graham. Accompanist—Davies. Conductors—Messrs. Smedley and Sherlock.

Of these, Hume, Ingram, Pirie, Taylor, Rowland, Adams, McFarland, Montgomery, Lazier, Graham, Stratton, were on the last tour.

The boys intend in the near future to give a concert; so all be prepared to patronize it.

### TRINITY MEDS.

College opened January 3rd, and from that day on, for about a week, every train brought back some old familiar face to the scene of action. The boys have nearly all returned now, looking much the better for their holiday. The boys have settled down to their work, and soon many a man, who, during the former part of the term, did not appreciate the task before him, will find himself upon the homestretch, in a hard race, whose goal, the M.D.C.M. degree, is the goal toward which he has been gradually moving for the past three years and a half. With regard to the gentlemen of the Third Year, they hardly know "where they are at;" they have been plunged into final work, that boundless and infinite quantity, and just how far they are supposed to go, and just what they are expected to do, is a question which is very hard to answer. At any rate, they do not need for one moment to be "out of a job."

Now we must for a moment glance upon that awful condition, "Primaryhood," the gentlemen whose "fortune and pleasure" it is to belong to the Primary Class are certainly blessed with sufficient work to enable them to labor diligently for fully twenty-five hours a day, each and every day, between now and exams, "Sundays included."

The Class, whose honor it will be, when we meet next fall, to elevate the coming year of '04, and to maintain the dignity of the primary room, have a good deal to accomplish, but after all is said and done, all that they have to do is to work earnestly and improve their time from now on, and we are quite within the limits of safety in giving in their case a very favorable prognosis.

### NOTES.

There is a movement on foot to establish a hockey team in Trinity. No doubt if such a departure is undertaken, it will meet with the same high degree of success which characterizes every effort of the men of Trinity.

Trinity has been blessed with a few new faces this new year. "We're growing all the time."—Dean.

An interesting bunch—"The Inspector," "Bouillon," "Yellow B.," "Little Patch of Red," "Evil Eye," and "Satan."

You couldn't be the mother of them, could you?—Ryerson.

Trinity is well represented in South Africa, Dr. Barrie, "Archie" Anderson, L. E. W. Irving, "Sam" Farrel, W. J. Macdonald, are among the brave boys upholding the solidarity of the Empire.

The meeting of the Medical Society Tuesday night was in every way a success, and the gentlemen who so ably furnished the instructive papers are to be highly congratulated. There is just one thing that might be mentioned, and that is that those who do not attend these meetings do not know what they are losing. Another point worthy of notice is that discussion of the cases presented is solicited by the President and committee, and should be encouraged.

Christmas refrain:  
A turkey sat in a cranberry marsh,  
And sang till his throat was sore;  
And the only tune that he could sing  
Was, "We'll meet on that beautiful shore."

### NO DINING HALL THIS SPRING TERM

Plan Abandoned until after Summer Vacation.

Many will regret to learn that the "Dining Hall Plan" will not materialize this spring, and that they will still have to deal with the "old stands" for this term at least. The hitch took place in the University Council. Some hundred or more students showed themselves willing to try the new Dining Hall if it were started, a good caterer had been secured, who was willing to take the matter up on speculation, and everything pointed to the successful outcome of the undertaking; but the matter fell asleep in the University

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There were, however, good reasons for not pushing the scheme to a definite outcome this spring. One of these was that it would require almost a month to get all arrangements complete for the satisfactory running of the plan. This time was not available before the spring term opened, and so the Council thought it would be well to leave the matter over till the beginning of the next academic year—namely after the summer vacation.

The caterer secured had promised a \$2.25 rate, which was very reasonable, considering the fare promised. He was enabled to offer a much better menu for less money, from the fact that he would have no taxes to pay, and would have his heat and light and premises free. In reality the same menu could not be obtained for less than \$2.50 or \$2.75 any place else. In all probability the same caterer will be willing to undertake the matter again. We may hope to see the University Dining Hall in full swing when we come back next fall.

### FIRST MEETING OF LIT

Delegates Appointed and Impromptu Speeches Indulged in by the Members.

Vice-President Cornish filled the seat of honor at the Literary Society last Friday evening, and did it well. Among the appointments made at the meeting we noticed that Messrs. Garvey and Cassidy had been selected to represent Varsity on

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the McGill debate. In such hands, Varsity's honor is perfectly safe. Mr. Geo. Kay was also selected to represent Varsity at the Queen's Conversat. The gazetting having been accomplished, a most enjoyable hour was spent in listening to a number of impromptu speeches. These were delivered by Messrs. Campbell, '00; McKay, '02; Chapman, '01; Burton, '01; Hamilton, '02, and O'Dell, '03. The speeches were all remarkably good, considering the lack of preparation.

Before the closing of the meeting, a very interesting discussion took place on the advisability of the students wearing gowns at lectures, as in former times. The general impression seemed to be in favor of gowns, although some made the unique suggestion that a distinctive cap would be a more appropriate badge for the undergraduate body. But what about the poor lady undergraduate in that case? Without any definite resolution on the question, the meeting broke up.

### KNOX-TRINITY DEBATE.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Premier of Ontario, has consented to act as Chairman at the Knox-Trinity debate to be held in Knox College this evening. The subject is: "Resolved, that the indeterminate sentence and parole system is preferable to the one obtaining in our prisons at the present time." The affirmative will be supported by Messrs. Knox and Taylor, of Knox College, and the negative by Messrs. Owen and Turley, of Trinity University. The judges on this occasion are to be N. W. Hoyles, Q.C., Professor Dale, and Rev. C. A. Eaton. This is one of the Inter-Collegiate series of debates, and it

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## PRES. LOUDON TO TRY FOR A RIFLE CORPS

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### ADVISABILITY DISCUSSED

Will meet Dr. Borden at Ottawa in a Week or so to urge his case.

General Hutton and the representatives of the various faculties must have been agreeably surprised at the remarkable turnout to the mass-meeting held at the close of last term to discuss the formation of a Field Hospital Corps, a Bearer Corps and an Engineer Corps from the Medical Faculty of the University of Toronto and Trinity, and from the School of Practical Science. Moreover, the enthusiasm with which General Hutton's and the other speakers' utterances were greeted, and especially the definite proposals made, showed beyond a doubt that the students were whole-hearted in their emphatically expressed approval of the institution of such bodies. But another and a different spirit prevailed which, though doubtless unexpected by Major-General Hutton, was worthy of the student body and the faculty. It was that the Government were not going far enough in simply forming the above-mentioned corps. They had only offered to partially satisfy a desire for military service, that was, is, and we believe ever will be characteristic of the many students of the University of Toronto, its affiliated institutions, and Trinity University. President Loudon took the initiative, and expressed himself in no doubtful word: that he believed the time had come for the formation of a University Rifle Corps. His opinion was emphatically approved of by the four or five hundred men present.

It will be seen that the faculties of Medicine and Practical Science are offered a medium for serving their country or the Empire, in a military capacity that is beyond the reach of any Arts or Theology man. Evidently this is not an equal distribution of such an honor—for an honor it doubtless is. The Arts faculty to-day is perhaps double that of any other faculty, and yet it has no means, as a body, of evincing that loyalty which is doubtless as earnest among its members as among those of any other faculty.

General Hutton dwelt upon the fact that he was not asking us to do anything new, but only to resume a military service that we had allowed to lapse. But he should have remembered that our former military service was in the capacity of infantry, and not in the medical or engineer departments of the service. Why should he not, then, be willing that we should resume our service in the former capacity? The University Rifle Company or "C" Company Q.O.R. was at one time a most flourishing corps, and had the honor of faithfully and helpfully serving our beloved country in two campaigns—the Fenian raid of 1866-7, and the Riel Rebellion of '85. And what the University has done it can do again, and will, should the Government give it the opportunity and the occasion arise. The University is more loyal to-day than it ever was, both for Canada and for the Greater Empire.

Moreover, as "College Topics" has always held, the University is, as it should be, a great centre of patriotism, and her students are as faithful in their devotion to their country as they are earnest in the pursuit of knowledge. What must be remembered, too, is that the University can be made the radiating point of the best and purest of patriotism. There are students at the University from all parts of Ontario and Canada; and it needs only this suggestion to show the immense possibilities of better sowing the seeds of a true patriotism, and a desire for military service throughout Canada, if the Undergraduates or a large percentage of them are educated in military service. In addition to those who become lawyers, doctors or clergymen, we have those who purpose following pedagogy; and when we then consider the great influence these teachers would have on the youth of the country, we can readily understand the great benefit that would be derived in this direction alone.

President Loudon has received word from Dr. Borden, Minister of Militia and Defense, asking for a deputation to discuss the formation of the proposed corps. In all probability the conference will take place in about a week. President Loudon is resolved, however, not to let the matter rest with the institution of a Field Hospital Corps, a Bearer Corps and an Engineer Corps, but will urge that an appropriation be made for the "re-formation" of the University Rifle Corps, of which he himself was at one time an active member. It is to be greatly hoped that he may succeed in this laudable undertaking. A short account of the "old" University Corps will be found in another column.

Cornell has 1,800 students this fall. Requirements in engineering and law were increased, causing loss in those departments, which has been made up by the increase in the others, noticeably 25 per cent. in Freshmen Greek.

## PHARMACY NOTES

The following thrilling account of the terrific encounter between one of our number and a bold midnight marauder was unfortunately overlooked on our last going to press. With this brief apology I plunge at once into the battle. It was during that nerve-racking, nerve-destroying time, the week before exams., that Ernest began to hear strange and uncouth noises around his sanctum after he had retired to snatch a few hours of much needed slumber from the crush of making research. The first night or so he thought it was but the whirr of his mental machinery as it strove to store automatically the enormous conglomeration of assorted facts with which he was forced to over-load it. As night succeeded night, however, with no abatement of the gruesomely peculiar sounds, even his hardy courage began to tremble and his silken locks to sway back and forth in the ghostly broken silence.

At last one dread and memorable mid-night all the anticipated horrors of his vivid imaginings faded to insignificance before an awful and terrible reality, for he was aroused from his dreams of the successful annihilation of the ancient alchemists by having something brush across his face. Then for one brief moment frozen horror trickled down his spinal cord, numbing the red-hot fighting blood of a long line of illustrious ancestry, and leaving its modern bearer a nerveless, frozen mass on the springless mattress of a boarding-house. But not for long was he thus held down by fear. When it came to pass that some rude hand had swept across his countenance, dashing from his eager lips, in transit, the cup from which he quaffed the sweetest nectar of this or dream land, the heroism of his heroic race boiled through his capillaries in red-hot lava stream seething for revenge. Lethely, silently and stealthily he slipped from between the sheets, and with his trusty and trusted war club made fierce onslaught on the spot where the midnight stroller rustled. As long as Pharmacy is, as long as boarding-houses are, or so long as man loves to hear of hefty blows, so long will that blow live. It was a whale. The yellow-tinted baton sissed upward through the gloom to hiss downward with redoubled vehemence and kill—the silence. A most monstrous murder! From the serenity of its two a.m. stillness he dragged it forth into the glare of ten thousand pandemoniums, and ruthlessly sacrificed it on the altar of his revenge. Forcing it to lie broken, perforated and smashed within the four walls of his once peaceful sanctum, while he and his unweelcome visitor squared accounts. The fight waged wildly on, mid the scurry of hurrying feet, the swish of night-robes, and the sharp breathing of the contestants could be heard the dreadful thud of the swift descending club. Grimly they fought. No voices raised in wrath or reproach floated through the key-hole, and only the hissing of hard-drawn breaths, interspersed with the spatter of perspiration on the floor told that mortals waged this awful scrap.

Smash! Bang! Thud! comes with monotonous regularity to our strained ears. But hark! Yes, 'tis quickening; till now a very hurricane of blows falls with relentless vigor chasing their own echoes, to make room for more. What's that? A cry! A short, sharp shriek as if someone were wounded to the death, and the blows have ceased. The suspense is awful. We cannot stand it. So we rush in with a light to find our Ernest all unharmed, standing, as like a conqueror as possible in a night-shirt, amid a scene of wild confusion. The trusty weapon he had wielded so well, poised proudly, with its one blood-stain, over his right shoulder, while hanging from his left hand, head downward, was—a rat. Good, brave, noble, heroic and conquering Ernest!

The fourth morning of January saw the resumption of business at the old stand. Everything, including the general lack of veridancy, points to a fine run for our money during the ensuing term. Foremost comes the confirmed rumor that Mr. Dan Cupid has succeeded during the holiday in prodding a most prominent one of us into the toils of wedded bliss. Daniel C. is little, but chuck full of business, and therefore not safe to monkey with, though they do say he generally makes things most pleasant for the captives of his bow and arrow. At all events the captive among us does not seem to be having too bad a time of it, and it is to be sincerely hoped he may never have any worse. In undertaking to trot double for the remainder of life's journey he has only done what we will all of us do when we get the chance, and has secured, in undertaking it now a sure and never failing well of sympathy and encouragement when it is most needed. A circumstance that marks him as no unwilling captive, and a wise man. So wise, that he deserves all the happiness that can be his, and all the joy that we so earnestly wish him.

Another source of pleasure to us is having among us some old hands, who have taken their Junior course before, and now will complete it by aiding us in this particular Senior hustle. The precedents will now no longer be hearsay, and the legends will be one year nearer their source.

Yet another well-spring of joy (?) has been the easing of our pockets of their load of filthy lucre, thereby securing the unquestioned right to sit at the table and feast of the huge joints of knowledge served in such variegated style from day to day.

A number of the boys have dropped out owing to incomplete apprenticeships, and will figure in the final glories of future days, not unmindful we hope of their Junior struggles with the Class of "naughty-naught."

Also we are maidenless, but that is a subject too deep for words.

The peacefulness may run along unbroken from this out, but there have been some serious discussions of weighty matters during the last few days. Among them the election of class officers, and the dinner. After the usual amount of nominating, balloting and so forth the following were declared elected to the various offices: Hon.-Pres. Dean Heebner; Hon. Vice-Pres. Dr. Fotheringham; President R. C. Post; Vice-Pres. R. Laing; Secretary, R. Douglas; Treasurer, H. Rae; Committee, Messrs. Nolan, Swan, Fisher, Small, and Mitchell.

To grind or not to grind, and if to grind what to grind? has been also a question of much weight with us. Touching as it does our future standing and our present purse, 'tis small wonder that many hesitated ere they slipped to cash up for they knew not what.

The powerful wave of patriotic feeling that has for a second time swept this fair Canada of ours had its effect on Pharmacy, and no mistake, carrying from her as it did the intention of celebrating her annual dinner, and substituting a contribution to the "National Patriotic Fund" in its place. We all of us are satisfied that it was wisdom on our part to let the dinner go, as each is now experiencing that pleasant thrill that comes after "the more-blessed-to-give-than-to-receive" act, and feel that we can look any size of work in the face with more assurance. A dinner, if wet, is after all but a fleeting joy and a lingering pain, and, if dry, a mere feast of reason without the flow of soul. We can take our joy later. We have our pain now, and the feast of reason is ever with us.

Word has been received that Mr. Small has succumbed to what we hoped he would avoid, typhoid fever, consequently we have given up all hope of having the pleasure of his company through the Senior Course.

Mr. R. A. Douglas left for Whitby on Saturday afternoon in response to a sudden call for his presence there.

Our popular treasurer is more than busy raking in the coin for class fees, patriotic funds, etc. Harry says it may look like a snap but it is none too soft.

It has been decided that we allow Park Bros. to take our pictures. It is to be hoped that they fully appreciate the honor thus bestowed on them, and are successful in catching that large-hearted look of unselfish patriotism which has of late been our trade mark.

The opening meeting of the Y.M.C.A. occurred last Friday, when the Rev. John Niel charmed the rather small audience with his masterly and fitting address. A piano and pianist would add materially to the meetings hereafter besides easing John Shurrie's trials.

The action of the wholesalers in coming forward with subscriptions to augment Pharmacy's donation to the Patriotic Fund is highly commendable. Indicating as it does that the drug fraternity are as a whole sound on questions of patriotism, let us hope that it will be in some measure the means of procuring that concerted action in trade matters which we all so earnestly desire.

Mr. Fred Mitchell, who met with such a severe accident last term, has entirely recovered the use of his hand.

Professor—How do you account for two white salts giving a green compound on admixture, gentlemen? Thoughtful Student—Stagnation of water of crystallization!

The variegated weather has laid a number of the boys off duty with more or less severe colds. Universal treatment—Hot drinks of all strengths and invariable quinine.

Too much knowledge means woe at times, as the withered one, who on enquiry from the botany lecturer declared a spore to be a fresh track, can assert.

## VICTORIA COLLEGE NOTES

The new year brought in a number of new men.

The band (which is to be present at the rink every Friday evening), drew a large number of students out last Friday evening. Nearly every student who could skate was on the ice.

The first meeting of the Literary Society was held last Saturday night. The Governor-General, Lord Robert, read the Speech from the Throne, outlining the policy of the new Government. The adoption of the speech was moved by W. G. Cates, '03, in a witty and racy speech, and seconded by J. W. Coone. After some time spent in cross-firing between Opposition and Government, the policy of the Government was sustained by the House. Refreshments were served after adjournment.

The Hon. Cinch Smith was appointed Solicitor-General-on-the-Rink. Ladies a specialty. Two men volunteered for the second Contingent, but unfortunately (or fortunately), neither was accepted—one was too long, the other too short.

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