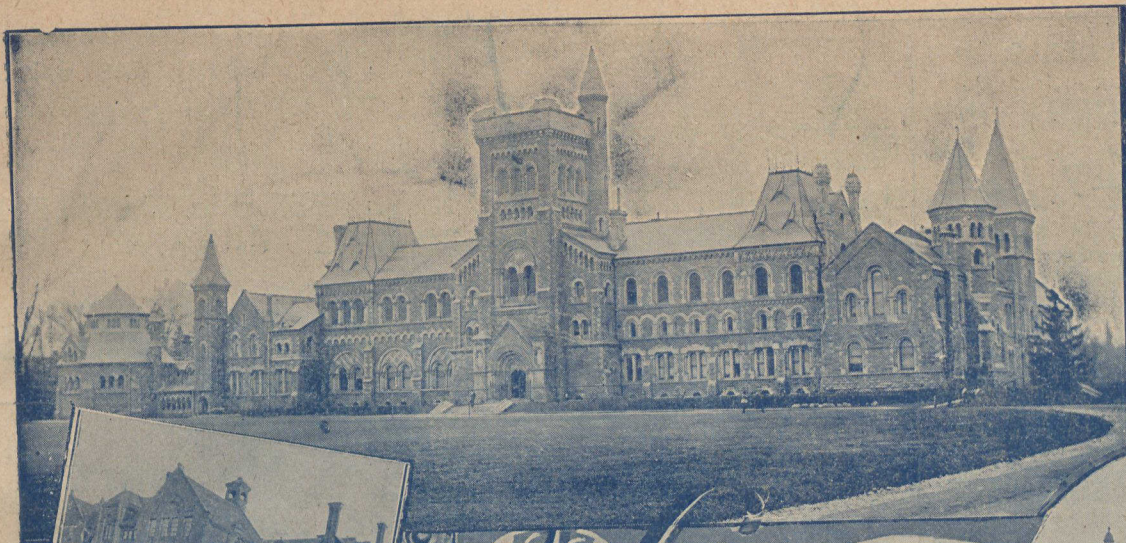


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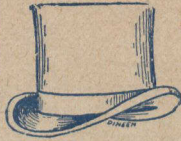
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TO A WILD VIOLET.

Violet on the river's bank,
Whence got you eyes of such deep hue,
So true and tender? Or where drank
Yon wispy wand'ers of the blue

This light-clear tear, a-tremble now
With maiden fear for all things' wo
About you? Pray, who taught you how
To blend in such a touching show

Your bright and somber? At this sight,
Tho' sure I know not why it be,
My prison'd soul finds sudden might,
From low desire breaks strangely free:

Stilled no more, inspiring life,
On wingéd feet, all tho't above,
She leaps straight forth, with passion rife,
And laps the universe in love!

'Tis but a moment, and again
I feel sin's hateful clog, but long
Sweet mem'ry does a glow retain
That lightens gloom and makes me strong.

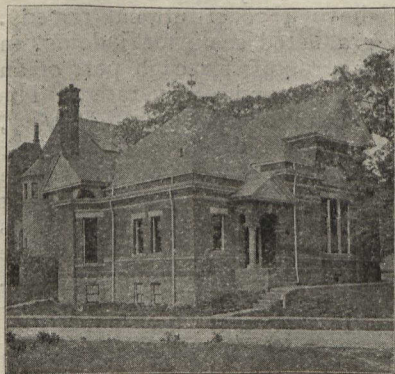
O meek, inanimate wild flow'r,
What is it then, 'tween you and me,
That shadows forth with blessed pow'r
Thus an All-Father's sympathy?

—VAGABOND.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE Y.M.C.A.

HISTORICAL SKETCH BY D. J. DAVIDSON, '01.

In 1871, some of the undergraduates of University College became impressed with the need, that was very



Y.M.C.A.

apparent to them, of some sort of religious union among the men for the development of Christian character and for the sake of any influence that such a union might exert in general on the student body. The name of Mr. F. H. Wallace is on record as the first to suggest to some of his friends that they should hold a prayer meeting in the College buildings. A petition was presented to the president of the College asking for this privilege, and for the provision of a room suitable for the purpose. The petition was granted and a number of the men met regularly at three o'clock every Saturday afternoon.

But this union, notwithstanding its many benefits,

did not appear sufficiently staunch in organization to ensure its own perpetuity. A constitution was therefore drafted preparatory to the establishment of a Young Men's Christian Association. On a second petition, signed by about a hundred undergraduates, the Council sanctioned the movement, and a number of the professors promised their support to the scheme. With this power in their hands the students, at their regular prayer meeting on March 29th, 1873, formed themselves into an association, with Mr. I. C. Yule as the first president. These early meetings were held in the West Wing Reading Room of the old College building. In the spring of 1882 the Association began to hold their meetings in Moss Hall. Throughout this period the most marked development was in missionary spirit and contribution. City mission work was largely undertaken.

On November 12, 1884, on motion of Messrs. Garside and Haviland the Association decided to take steps for the erection of an Association building. A committee, with A. J. McLeod, president, as convener, was appointed to canvass for funds necessary for the undertaking. At the same time a petition was sent to the Senate of the College asking for a site for the building. The Association's record for these months may be summed up in the expression, "faith and works," and at the last meeting in the spring term of 1885 the question of proceeding with the building during the vacation was left entirely to the building committee referred to above. In August of the same year the building was commenced, and was ready for occupation on March 1st, 1886, at a cost of \$6,712.82, which was fully met, through the faithful efforts of the committee, by the Senate, Faculty, graduates, undergraduates and outside friends of the institution.

On April 7, 1886, the Association decided to engage a general secretary to give at least two hours a day to its work. Mr. A. J. McLeod, B.A., was nominated by J. G. Hume as the first general secretary, and was to receive two hundred dollars for his services for the academic year. Mr. McLeod's faithful work as chairman of the building committee had justly won for him a high place in the affection and trust of his fellows, and he was elected by acclamation. [Mr. McLeod died at Regina, N.W.T., Nov. 20, 1900. His picture now hangs on the north wall of the large room in the building—the generous gift of Mrs. G. C. Robb.]

Perhaps the most noticeable changes in the working of the Association have been in regard to general secretary policy. On April 5, 1888, it was decided to employ a man for four hours a day at four hundred dollars per year. In April, 1889, this was changed to full time at five hundred dollars. In March, 1892, owing to financial depression the general secretary's salary was reduced to three hundred dollars, for which he was to give half his time. In March, 1893, it was decided to pay him four hundred dollars for full time, with the privilege of devoting a small part of his time to the service of the Provincial Committee. In March, 1895, a man was again appointed for

half time at a salary of two hundred and fifty dollars. In Feb., 1899, it was decided to pay the general secretary one hundred dollars for September and October, and such time as he could give to the work throughout the year in addition. This paragraph of changes closes with the action of the association on Jan. 24, 1901, when the following recommendation from the executive committee was adopted: "That a general secretary be employed from Sept. 1st till April 1st at a salary of four hundred dollars.

This sketch would hardly be complete without some mention of the missionary work undertaken by the Association. On Feb. 16, 1888, it approved a resolution of the Missionary Committee that it was desirable that a missionary be sent out and sustained by University College. This resulted in very prompt action, for in October of the same year Mr. J. S. Gale, B.A., left for Korea. In December, 1891, Mr. Gale became convinced that his work could be made more effective if carried on under a stronger organization. For this reason he resigned his position as representative of the University College Mission. In March, 1892, the Arts Y.M.C.A. united with the Medical Y.M.C.A. to form a Canadian Colleges' Mission. With this Mission University College Y.M.C.A. is still connected. For a number of years its funds were used in the support of Dr. Hardie in Korea, but now its interests centre around Calcutta, India, where J. Campbell White is the representative.

THE DEBATING QUESTION.

The prodigious influence of debating talent upon humanity at large is one of the foremost reasons why this part of a liberal education should not be neglected nor minimized. The undergraduates of Toronto, thanks to the efforts of a few, in recent years have done much towards bringing into prominence this rare and enviable acquirement of debating talent, and we believe many have been benefitted thereby. The question, though, is: Have as many been educated to as great a degree as is desirable? It is in this endeavor for excellence in speaking and in discussion that we see several weaknesses in the method and procedure that perhaps might be remedied for the advantage of those who are coming our way, and even, forsooth, to keep apace with the progress in rival halls.

The importance of the subject is beyond question. A cursory survey of the social world leads us to ask if there is any other accomplishment for which there is so constant a demand in the Church, in the Legislature, at the Bar of Justice, in the *Lecture Room* or among the commonality of our rising, and we believe, world-leading populace? Or one which will produce equally such intellectual development of the people and raise its possessor to such a degree of power? We trow not. For it is quite evident to all that the mere latent talent of a human individual is useless so long as that power is uncommunicated. No progress was made in science until thinking man, seeing "the apple fall," applied the hidden force to the satisfaction of his wants. So also energy may be stored in fertile brains and powerful physique "to waste its sweetness" because of the lack of expression. Then, since any contribution to humanity, economically, physically, or morally, must be through some avenue of expression, we see the preponderating importance of an apt and fluent conversation. Every year that passes has its quota of those graduates who have ascended the mountain and have received a transfiguration in silent rapture but who are foredoomed to certain failure because they have not acquired the art of expression. Men with only a smattering of their knowledge and of inferior mental calibre easily surpass them in the race.

Hobbes defined a republic as an aristocracy of orators,

interrupted at times by the monarchy of a single orator. And it can not be argued with justice that skill in oratory and debate is identical with intellectual shallowness. It has often seemed that this approbrium has been attached to many, and in many cases perhaps rightly so, but the case in point is entirely different. We are here to learn letters, and it is as the accompaniment of such that I argue this necessity. And then can no one in sincerity remark of us, *vox et preterea nihil*.

How are we to attain this? A solution is sought for. But a few suggestions are perhaps not out of place. Apart from "election talk" and an occasional departmental discussion which are most useful, the average University man, and particularly the general course man finds little room for platform education during his four years' residence here. In the first place I think there should be a capable elocutionist on the staff of the University whose services would be included in the present fee system, and under whom compulsory instruction in voice culture and posture should be necessary during a part of the term.

Secondly, our debating clubs and unions could be equipped more efficiently. In other universities we find a struggle for position on debating teams, and a keen rivalry for distinction in debate. The result is by no means discouraging. We do not mean to tend towards "professionalism here," but to better and expand our own system. We note with pleasure the step taken by one of the lower years at present, and we predict personal, if not year, benefits therefrom.

As it stands at present the debates fall heavily upon the fourth year, and that also without previous training to any great extent. Election to the honored position is rather a chance game also, and even sometimes a "plum for service to the state." If a man has not been a stump speaker, a distinct teacher in whom is no guile, or a presumptuous and ubiquitous talker, he stands little chance of securing much forensic culture here.

Just a word as to judging of the debates, if I am not walking on forbidden ground. While we instance no debate as being wrongly placed, yet the weakness of present procedure is so evident that some other and restricted system ought to be adopted. We would proceed more on the lines of judicial arbitrations. In the Inter-University debates this would be feasible with a little extra expense, but in the Inter-College debates here it would certainly be workable. Again, circumstances are such, at times, that the number of judges has to be curtailed, a fault that should have a constitutional remedy. Judges might also have a graduated scale for judging, in which a recognized number of points for each part of an oration could be well understood and easily rated. The questions of "offset" and "counter" arguments, delivery, English, reply and oratory, would fall into proper rewards. In giving the debate decision I would require a summary of the salient points of the debate, together with reasons or precedent for awarding decision. This would be a two-fold advantage. It would satisfy the listeners and educate the speakers and intending speakers. The case of a debate resolving itself into a drawing-room event would end.

The subjects are generally of educational value and the training in study of them is very advantageous; and any impetus a university curriculum could give along this line would meet with the hearty approval, I venture to say, of the public. We look to a time when the means of speech, that great organ of social elevation which has yet done little for man except in its ministrations to the business of daily necessities, will rival books and be one of the media of intellectual progress as well as the ornament of conviviality.

F. MACKENZIE CHAPMAN, '01.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of VARSITY.

DEAR VARSITY,—Do you like biscuits and tea at 2 a.m.? good honest soda biscuits, spread with McLaren's cheese, smartened with a dash of chutney, and a smoking cup of Ceylon, of your own brewing? The process is so easy. Put your faithful little black kettle on the open fire, wait till the water bubbles, for

"Unless the kettle boiling be,
Filling the tea-pot spoils the tea,"

as Swinburne sings. Wait, I say, until the kettle boils, then artistically "wet" or "mash" the tea. Wait a little longer, then pour on *acq. quantum suff.*, and you will have a draught "for Juno when she banquets." You will be good for two or three more hours' work, after two cups, and will not feel unreasonably done up next day.

It was under such unctuous and fragrant circumstances that I read your first number of the twentieth century. *Salve! Salve! Prosit!* I pledged you in a flowing bowl—of tea. What changes time has wrought in your honest phiz! Do you remember when your motto was "Amica ante omnes philosophia,"—"before all things I love philosophy"? Where are the tall figures, male and female, reading with their backs to each other, on your cover? Are they represented by those strange, black, rampant, heraldic beasts? Have they degenerated, or developed into those lower forms? Or are they put in that posture so they will not scratch out each other's eyes?

Your Freshman is a vigorous youth. And his haughty air and dignified, dispensing with the unessential in dress, reminds one of Milton's Adam. Ah me! I was once a simple Freshman; once a contributor to your pages. Those pages illumined with the portrait of a class-mate "of the most remarkable class, etc.," *quorum pars*, wearing the same old genial undergraduate grin. How we cheered him when he mounted the dais for his degree in old Convocation Hall! I do not like to count up the years since then.

"What but a revolting fiction,
Seems the actual result
Of the census's inquiries,
Made upon the fifteenth ult.?"

Still my heart is in its boyhood,
Nor of age or wrinkles recks,
Though my scalp is almost hairless,
And my figure grows convex.

Backward turns the kindly dial,
And I'm number'd once again
With the noblest of their species,
Called emphatically '*men*.'"

I am glad to see you still use that term. In my time, under the consulship of Dan (what a wrench it was to call him Sir Daniel to his face) there was only one species.

You seem to me, dear VARSITY, more sedate than of yore, less sentimental, less inclined to sport with Amaryllis in the shade, and write sonnets to her, less inclined to court the muse. It must be due to advancing years. The undergraduate body ought to contribute. I suppose they are too learned and too busy. We were freer in the brave days of old.

In one thing you have not changed, and I am sure never will change. You are still asking for unpaid subscriptions as in the dear dead years beyond recall, and as you undoubtedly will until the millennium. However, don't give up the ship! Your office is a hard and thankless one, but it is worth while.

Yours affectionately,

QUORUM PARS.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, Feb. 20, 1901.

To the Editor of VARSITY.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to express publicly the appreciation felt by the committee in charge of the recent Undergraduate Union Concert, for the services rendered by the Varsity Glee Club and Mandolin and Guitar Club on that occasion.

The preparation of selections for this concert must necessarily have involved considerable work and sacrifice of time on the part of both clubs; and as their services were rendered gratuitously I think they deserve the hearty thanks of the student body, especially as the concert was for the benefit of an institution belonging to the students. One good turn deserves another; and if the Glee Club or Mandolin Club hold a concert this year, it seems to me they should receive a much larger measure of support than they have received heretofore.

Sincerely yours,

E. M. WILCOX, '01,
Convener of Committee.

THE RETURN OF ODYSSEUS.

In the first place, Odysseus did return. That much I can state with certainty and authority, for, after feverishly waiting last Thursday evening through five interminable intermezzi, separated by acts all too tantalizingly short, I fully satisfied myself on that point, and can vouch that I saw the redoubtable old warrior arrive in the sixth act in time to spend his Christmas holidays at the old homestead. Then, in order to make assurance trebly sure in the minds of all, it may be well to state that our hero arrives twice more before the week is out. This, I think, should satisfy even the most cynical.

Now, before we settle the great question as to how Odysseus did return, we might put the query to ourselves as to why he came back. Not wishing to waste the fleeting moments of an examination hour in profound and probably profitless metaphysical discussion, I may as well state candidly and at once that to my mind the reason undubitably was, because he was afraid of Pen-elope-ing.

In order that all who wish might be reliably informed upon the manner of Odysseus' return, I may state that I went to the trouble and expense of obtaining a personal interview with the famous old Greek. The answer that I got caused me no little surprise. Not once during all those weary *entr'actes* on Thursday night, while reading my programme for the sixteenth time, and bitterly wondering whether the *avoirdupois* old lady on one side of me, whose feathered opera cloak moulded so dreadfully all over the vicinity, was aware that it was my turn to have my elbow on the seat-arm,—not once, I say, did the truth flash before me, even in the form of a most improbable hazard.

Upon calling I found Odysseus with a pocket-size grammar in his hand, running over a few of the constructions of his native Greek. He smiled apologetically when he saw that I observed his occupation.

"So hard, don't you know," he remarked, in a slightly facetious tone, "so hard to keep well up in this eternally condemned tongue. Wish I had been born English or something else easy!"

I consoled with him briefly, and then put the all important question.

"How did you cover the weary miles whose dusty length separated you from home and mother, don't you know?"

I thought it would be polite to use a few Greek idoms. "Well," answered the wily Greek, "it was just this way. When I left Circe's enchanted isle my health was

COLLEGE GIRL.

Superintending Editor, Miss F. M. Wicher, 'or.

"Farewell, tomtoddies all, I thank my stars
That nought I know, save those three royal R's,
Reading and riting, sure, and rithmetick
Will help a lad of sense thro' thin and thick."

The youthful spontaneity of these lines is refreshing. We sigh with envy of such daring independence. And yet, though the evil days are not far off, the last of their kind for some of us, we still derive a measure of satisfaction from this life of ours, a life that may be described as the experience of some dozen years crowded into four. If brought to the test it is doubtful, after all, if there is much we would relinquish. Even examinations, the bugbear of our existence, have redeeming features, though distance will ever add to their charm, for, each year when they are over, even if we do not all head the lists, and though a half humorous sense of old age is wont to creep over us, there yet remains to us the pleasant consciousness of having come off more valiantly than we had hoped, and of having developed latent powers surprisingly.

Among many interesting traits of student character is a love of solitary walks, which by the fourth year has become a fixed principle. It is not often, however, that this truth is admitted. We Canadians, like the Scotch, are chary of committing ourselves. However, the weakness is a fact. And of all favorite jaunts there is probably none more favored than that to Wells' Hill. Thither we go in ever increasing numbers as spring comes on, and yet we rarely fall in with one another, or with anyone else. The few people we do meet are unobtrusive, seeming to seek quiet like ourselves. And so we may walk on and away to the other end of Nowhere, if so we wish; or, we may stand on the brow of the hill and get a far-off view, even across the lake on a clear day. While we gaze the city's buildings, great and small, sink into insignificance, and so, too, our perplexities dwindle to nothing.

Gossip, it seems, is not confined to the small country town of story-book fame, but makes its way harmlessly and good-naturedly even into University circles. Here it generally aims in wholly impersonal manner at the Freshman. It is quite natural, then, that the coming nominations for the Women's Literary Society should furnish matter for rumour, and that the "freshette" should be given a role to play. At all events stories are afloat, not the tamest of them being that a "freshette" proposes to herself to nominate a president for the Women's Literary Society. Inasmuch as there is an unwritten law that a fourth year girl shall discharge this honorable duty, it is irresistibly funny to think of a naive "freshette" rising up in full house to assume the prerogative of seniors. We are reminded of the topsy-turvy state of affairs described in *Water Babies*, where there were "nails driving hammers, birds' nests taking boys, books making authors," and so on and on. And we are led to wonder if the twentieth century is to see a like reversal of all established things. Will it indeed come to pass that we are soon to find classes lecturing professors and (worst of all horrors) freshmen hustling sophomores?

On Thursday afternoon an unusually large number of the girls met in the Reading Room for the purpose of organizing an Athletic Club from the three small clubs (tennis, fencing and hockey) already in existence. Miss Gundry, seconded by Miss Conlin, brought in the motion, for which, as Miss Gundry stated, the country seemed ready. The Athletic Club is now a fact, with a constitution drawn up by Miss Gundry and passed unanimously. The nomina-

not of the best, and my doctor was brusque enough to inform me that unless I took more exercise I might as well advertise for tenders for funerals at once. I consequently became somewhat alarmed, and hurriedly examined the relative merits of Indian Clubs, Sidney Smith's Method for the Pianoforte, Whitley Exerciser, and other health producing contrivances. I decided, however, upon getting a bicycle. I believe the bicycle to be the most useful of all our domestic animals. Mine is a prettily marked specimen, and is quite tractable. I am a firm believer in the Pythagorean theory of the transmigration of souls, and I feel sure that my pet contains in it the soul of some great geometer or mathematician. I studied its peculiarities when I was learning to ride it, and, in fact, all the way home on my journey to Penelope. The way it would describe circles, ellipses, and figures of all descriptions was astounding. Only this morning it was describing a parabolic curve of fascinating interest, when I inadvertently struck a small boulder, and drew matters to an unfortunate conclusion. Yes, I am quite happy with Pen. and the children, and do not expect to start out again for some time yet.

[NOTE — The above veracious account was written as an essay at a term examination held on the Saturday morning preceeding the last performance of the Greek play. Ed.]

NORMAL SCHOOL NOTES.

The Varsity men send hearty congratulations to the hockey team over the magnificent showing they made against the champion Wellingtons in the 15th inst.

In the basket-ball tournament Whitley's team defeated Watson's by one point in a most exciting match. The sympathy of the ladies for Mr. Watson was very noticeable.

Mr. George F. Kay, B.A., at present on the Clergue Geological staff, made a flying visit to the O.N.C. halls last week, and as is the case with all visitors, was heartily welcomed by his friends.

Miss Cole gave a small select party last week in honor of her sister who was paying a short visit to the Ambitious City.

THE CALENDAR.

Tuesday, February 26 —

Mass Meeting to discuss Constitution of Undergraduate Club.

4 p.m.—Classical Association.

Wednesday, February 27.—

4 p.m.—Natural Science Association.

Thursday, February 28.—

5 p.m.—Y.M.C.A.

8 p.m.—Inter-College Club.

Friday, March 1.—

4 p.m.—Philosophical Association.

4 p.m.—Mathematical Society.

8 p.m.—Lit.

Saturday, March 2.—

3 p.m.—Lecture on Rome—Prof. Cody.
Chemical Amphitheatre.

Monday, March 4.—

4 p.m.—Oriental Club.

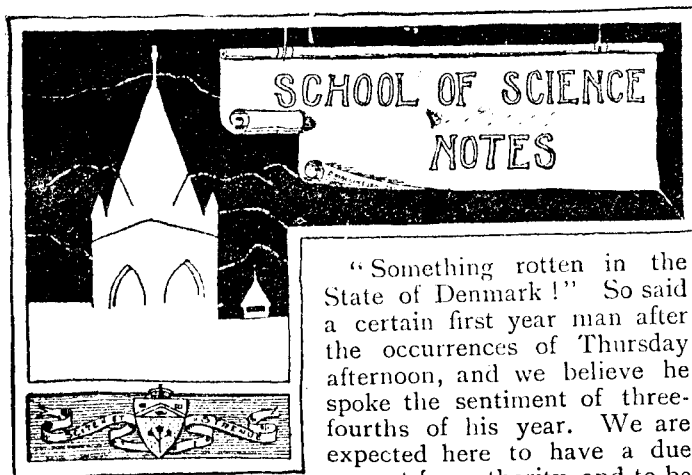
4 p.m.—Modern Language Club.

An edition of the University of Pennsylvania's catalogue has been issued this year in Spanish for the benefit of its numerous Spanish-American students.

tions will take place on Monday, March 11th, and the elections on Thursday, March 14th.

The last regular meeting of the Literary Society for this year took place on Saturday evening. In connection with the business of the night a motion was carried that one-half the proceeds from the sale of "Sesame" be devoted to the Grace Hall Memorial Library. The program proper consisted of a violin solo by Miss Woolryche, B.A., a debate between the fourth and second years, a piano solo by Miss McLean and a play of W. D. Howell's, "The Mouse-Trap." The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, that clothes are an index of character to the outer world," and those debating were: Affirmative, Misses Darling and Conlin, of '01; negative, Misses Weir and Rae, of '03. Miss Patterson, B. A., Miss L. M. Wright, B. A., and the President were the judges, deciding in favor of the negative. With regard to the play, fate or influenza seemed very much against the performers, one of them falling a victim on Friday and another on Saturday afternoon. Misses McCurdy and Fleming kindly acted as substitutes in acceptable manner, and the other players were Misses Tait, Rowan, Iddington, McClive. Despite a few necessary breaks the performance was very amusing and added not a little to the enjoyment of an altogether enjoyable program. An unexpected feature of the evening was the serving of ice-cream and cake at the conclusion of the program through the kindness of the president. A vote of thanks to Mrs. Hutchison was passed enthusiastically. After the usual short dance the girls formed a ring and sang "Auld Lang Syne," the fourth year girls perhaps a little sadly. The meeting then broke up.

The Y.W.C.A. will meet on Wednesday this week as usual.



"Something rotten in the State of Denmark!" So said a certain first year man after the occurrences of Thursday afternoon, and we believe he spoke the sentiment of three-fourths of his year. We are expected here to have a due respect for authority, and to be

gentlemen first and always. We are afraid our conduct sometimes falls far short of this standard.

Mr. J. H. Jackson of the first year is to be congratulated on his success at the recent O.L.S. final examination. In addition to keeping up the work of his year, Mr. Jackson prepared for and successfully wrote this examination, which has the reputation of being anything but easy, and which was this year quite up to the reputation mark.

Sincere are the regrets of the belligerent portion of the first year that the lectures on Heat this session are not to be taken with the Arts men. With war paint and feathers ready for the traditional March scrimmage they drew up in the University corridor on Thursday evening only to be told that the large number necessitated a division of the

class. The joy of the Arts men will doubtless be measured by the disappointment of our doughty first year.

NOTES.

Just think, only seven weeks to Exams!
What are you going to do next summer? Have you a job yet?

Now that the Seniors are out of the Hockey game, it lays with the Juniors to uphold the honor of the School. Although the Dents feel quite assured that the Jennings' Cup is theirs, yet our Freshmen are determined that they shall have to fight.

A. C. Macdougall, '01, represented the School at the School of Mines dinner on Tuesday night last. Allan is a graduate of R. M. C., and so of course was right at home among the boys down there.

Flowers for a peace offering is certainly a departure from patriarchal times. The fact that the flowers in question did duty on three separate occasions in two different rooms proves that the first year is not wanting in economy, policy, or resource.

A "HIGH SPEED" DITTY.

BY AN S.P.S. GRADUATE.

I.

Oh, I'm a mechanical sort of a man,
Bred by an engineer,
And all my peculiarities ran
In the blood of my father dear.
Now I think that a little description might
Of interest prove to you,
So here it is—and I'm willing quite
To swear it is perfectly true!

II.

As my cast-iron feet are bolted firm
To a ponderous concrete found,
No matter how much I writhe and squirm
I find that I *can't wheel* round.
My *legs* are straight, but my *knees* are bent
And have no *joints* at all—
I might easily meet with an accident,
If my *slippers* should slide I'd fall.

III.

While my *shoulders* broad are perfectly *square*
And I've plenty of *ribs* inside.
Still I badly need the support that a pair
Of wrought-iron *stays* provide;
But I'm a machine that has powerful *jaws*—
In heaven or earth beneath
There isn't a thing I can't tackle, because
I've *epicycloidal teeth*.

IV.

In spite of the fact that my well *drilled eyes*
Look neither to left nor to right,
Yet my *head* is *turned*, to my great surprise,
And on top is a bald spot *bright*;
My gun-metal *glands* are working sweet,
And are never unduly tight,
But plenty of oil they always secrete,
To keep everything running light.

V.

Oh, quiet and sure in their rise and fall
Are my soft rubber *valves* on their seats,
But sometimes I fancy I hear what I call
Oddly irregular beats;
And unless some kind friend can reverse this machine,
I will need, I have reason to fear,
Those two *rocking arms* that are readily seen
On Cameron's Corliss gear.

EPILOGUE.

My verses you'll greet with remarks rude and low,
But when you have all had your fling
You will surely admit that my humor must flow
From a very good *tempered spring*.

C. L. L.

London, England.

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TORONTO, February 26th, 1901.

EDITORIAL.

We have heard a great deal as to the proper supplements to our academic education while at the University. Many have been cited, but all seemed to be agreed that athletics holds chief place among them. We have our musical organizations, our debating clubs, our Literary Society, our departmental societies, our chess club, etc. *ad infinitum*—each demanding their share of the patronage of the undergraduates, and each showing the great advantages to be derived by indulging in it; but all recognizing the superior position of athletics. We cannot all support all of these more or less beneficent organizations, but some do demand our unanimous recognition. Some of us are too prone to think that athletics are confined to the open air and it was mainly for this reason that we have given the "Gymnasium Notes" such a prominent place in Sports in order to draw the attention of the students to the great work that is being evolved there. It is extraordinary what can be done by a new recruit after he has had a few month's training. Early in the fall instructor Williams gets his class in hand, and by vigorous work, combined with patience and perseverance on the part of both instructor and instructed, he is enabled to give an annual exhibition which reflects credit on the University itself. The exercises are as varied as they are beautiful to see, and those who attend the Assault-at-Arms this year will, to say the least, be astonished at the result of a few months' steady work. The enthusiasm of those taking part is no small measure in making this annual function the great success it usually is. Of the last three we think that the one of '98 was much the best, but there are every indication that even it will be entirely eclipsed this year. Some new features will be introduced which will give such a variety to the whole affair that there will not be a dull moment. The assault-at-arms this year will be held on March 13, and, judging from former similar events, it will attract a very large crowd. The apparently poor probabilities of rivalry in the "Lit." elections this spring have given the boys so much time to spare that no doubt the accommodation of the gymnasium will be taxed to the utmost on this night and we advise an

early purchase of tickets, and an early attendance to get a good point of observation. A real banquet in athletics is to be served up and a profitable relaxation will be afforded during the great strain on the brain during March and April. When we hear that some of the contestants are likely to compete at the Horse Show we are assured that the investment of a night and the admission fee will bring rich returns.

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Still there has been no definite action taken by the Government in the University question. We had thought that it would receive due consideration in the budget speech which was so forcibly and eloquently delivered on Thursday last. However, the Premier showed the importance of the question by remarking in the course of his address that it was a very delicate one and required separate consideration. Our attention will be centred on the sitting when this special "consideration" is given, and our confidence becomes even more buoyant, since the Government would not take such a course if it did not intend to take some resolute and commendable action. We can hardly doubt but that the Faculty, Senate and Alumni are all working for the good cause, and the Undergraduates are eager to bear their share of the work. All should have their forces concentrated on the one object. The next issue of the VARSITY is the last. It has been with profound regret that we have noted no sign on the part of the Government since the first issue this year, and as the VARSITY will suspend publication a little earlier this year we intend delaying the last number one week—even two weeks if necessary—to await developments in the Legislature. Some action will surely be taken by the second week of March, and we trust that VARSITY will be proud to record the unparalleled generosity of the Government.

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The Oratory Contest has been on probation for little more than a year, but apparently it was a move in the right direction. So far it has received a support which other organizations may well envy, and on the whole a very high standard of oratorical powers has been exhibited. The occasion on last Friday night was a success in every sense of the word from the point of view of the judges, the Literary Society and the audience. We extend our heartiest congratulations to the winner of the contest, and hope that the medal which he receives will be but a small part of the benefits derived from such an experience. Miss Waldrum has won a warm place in the hearts of the students generally, and in future her name on the program of a University concert will be sufficient to draw a large audience of her admirers in the academic world.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We cannot pass without commenting on the enthusiasm shown on last Tuesday night. Although not a great financial success, yet the presence of a large number of students gave such a vim to the whole affair as only they can. We congratulate the large number who sacrificed so

much of precious time to see the Club through, and hope that too many calls may not be made on their indulgence between now and May. The Glee Club also deserve great praise both for their willingness to appear and their splendid selections.

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We have finally decided not to publish Ralph Connor's article. It is rather long for a normal issue of VARSITY, and moreover is an unpublished chapter of the "Sky Pilot," which would thus necessitate a thorough knowledge of the book to understand the characters in the story. As it is we find very great pressure on our columns at the hands of undergraduates, but the story will shortly appear in the *Westminster*, the editor of which attends to most of Mr. Gordon's MSS.

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The students generally will be pleased to learn that the net proceeds of the Greek play were \$540.15.

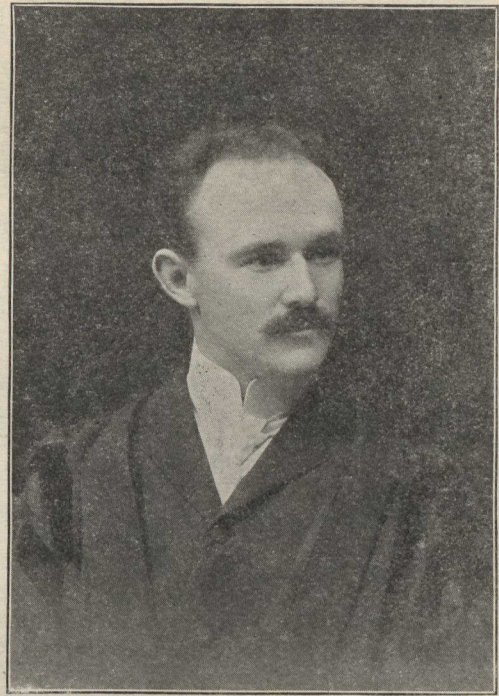
UNDERGRADUATE CLUB CONCERT.

The concert of the Undergraduate Club came off last Tuesday evening in Massey Hall. A program of a high standard of excellence was presented, and the audience, which, doubtless, would have been much larger if the date of the concert had not fallen in a week especially marked by the number of good entertainments, thoroughly enjoyed it. Mrs. Fisk made her first appearance in Toronto, rendering a well chosen selection of songs, in a style which elicited many flattering comments from the local press. Mr. Owen Smiley fully sustained his reputation as a popular entertainer. Reference is made in another part of VARSITY to the Glee Club. The promoters of the Undergraduate Club are congratulated on having provided us with such an excellent entertainment; it is only to be regretted that their zealous efforts did not meet with a better financial return.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

At the meeting of the Political Science Club, held on February 21, the reports of the club's excursions to several industrial establishments during the Michaelmas term, and the essays which embodied the results of summer economic studies by students of this department were read and discussed. For the best essay or report a prize of \$5 had been donated by the club. A very able and exhaustive essay on the Patrons of Industry, written by F. H. Phipps, '02, was judged the winner. "The Manufacture of Clothing in Hamilton" was the subject of an essay by Mr. Clappison, '02, a summary of which he gave in a brief speech. The importance of scientific farming as suggested by the excursion to Dentonia Farm was emphasized by Mr. Chapman, '01. A sketch of the pork packing industry in Ontario, based on the inspection of the works of the Davies Co., was the subject of a paper by Mr. Moore, '02; and Mr. Darling, '03, briefly reported on the visit to Taylor's soap works.

Prof. Mavor very favorably commented on the papers read, and expressed himself as gratified at the results of the excursions which had been arranged by Dr. Wickett. He suggested that it might be a good plan for the Political Science Club to take steps to have essays of value published in the *University Studies*. Dr. S. Morley Wickett also expressed himself as gratified at the results, and emphasized the value of summer economic work as connecting theory with practice.



R. J. YOUNGE, '02, WINNER OF ORATORICAL CONTEST.

THE ORATORY CONTEST.

"With a dashing sea of eloquence between which flowed all free."

The second annual Oratory contest was held in the Students' Union on Friday evening last, and the brilliancy of that function will linger long in student story. Precisely at 8 o'clock President S. Casey Wood, LL.B., opened the meeting with a neat address during which he announced the winning of the trophy for inter-year debating had been awarded to the "first year gentlemen" and would be presented very shortly. He said that he was glad to see so many in attendance. The orations would be judged by allowing one-third each for language, matter and oratory. The Hon. Mr. Justice Moss and Hon. A. S. Hardy were present as judges and Father Teefy was unavoidably absent.

Mr. Sadleir, '04, opened the program with a pleasing solo.

The first speaker of the evening was Mr. A. L. Howard, '01, taking as his subject, "The Value of a University to Society." He showed careful preparation and an appreciative grasp of the topic. From the first concentric circle around the man, that of the home influence, he pictured the ever-widening ones, till the individual stood the centre of an area of influence, extending in politics, religion and business far beyond the horizon. A slight hesitancy at times, the similarity of gestures used for varying themes, and a slight inarticulation, detracted some from the effect of the speaker who felt what he had to say was of vital importance.

Following him was Mr. H. T. Coleman, '01, whose manner of introduction at once impressed the audience of his unimpassioned command of a difficult subject, "The Relation of Literature to Canadian National Life." He approached his subject in a truly philosophical manner; and laid no undue claims of superior attainments, but as one who had studied the subject as much as circumstances would admit. "Plato, the Philosopher, influences us today more than Pericles, the Legistor," said he while carefully developing this idea of the supremacy of literature

down to the present Canadian epoch. The speaker made the best use of exclamation, interrogation and balance structure of his sentence. In fact the language was so well arranged and the rhetorical elements so aptly appropriated that a criticism is almost impossible. He impressed the audience by his fund of knowledge, his ease in delivery and his mastery of thought. Perhaps the intonations of his sympathetic voice and the apparent absence of passionate energy detracted somewhat from his oratory.

Mr. Reid, '01, sang some pleasing selections and was heartily encored by the delighted audience.

Next came Mr. Brophay, '01, on the subject of "Patriotism." Laying down broad principles at first, he proceeded to enlarge upon the ancient and the modern aspects of patriotism. His conclusions were well reached and his contribution showed wide acquaintance with the subject. Had the climaxes of his paragraphs been better placed and the subject not burdened by a too keen sense of restraint, his oration would have reached a higher mark.

Mr. Younge, '02, has a pleasing manner, a magnetic voice, convincing argumentative faculties and a decided appreciation of well-arranged English, as his dealing with the subject: "The future of Canada" made evident to all. While perhaps his subject was a popular one and the originality striking, the fact that the material was of easier research and of less difficult inference than Mr. Coleman's, led many of the audience to weigh the two orations on equal balances.

After some very entertaining solos by Miss M. Waldrum, whose sweetness of voice and charming manner recalled her frequently to the stage where she will be ever welcome before a University audience, the decision was announced by Hon. A. S. Hardy in one of his characteristic war-horse-remembrance speeches. F. M. C.

[We ask Mr. Younge's indulgence for obtaining surreptitiously his photograph for use in this connection.--Ed.]

AMONG OTHER COLLEGES.

The total receipts of the Yale-Princeton football game were \$27,880.

The treasurer of the Yale Athletic Association reports a net gain of \$5,000 for the year.

The fall registration at Andover shows a total of 391 students, slightly less than last year.

Holy Cross is to have a new athletic field this spring. Over \$5,000 has been raised for this purpose.

The Civic and Legal Education Society of Philadelphia has made final arrangements for conducting a course of lectures on law for women.

The oldest college in the world is Mohammed College, at Cairo, Egypt, which was 1,000 years old when Oxford was founded. It has 11,000 students.

Illinois has more students than any other state in the Union, there being 12,787 students enrolled in the various colleges and universities of the state. New York comes next with 12,007.

The list of schools and colleges from which students have entered Harvard College during the past ten years number 503. Of these 208 are represented among the new students of the present year.

Contributions to the Yale bi-centennial fund now amount to \$35,000. Besides this, \$25,000 has recently been presented to the university by A. G. Vanderbilt, to be used for the bi-centennial fund or for any other purpose desired by the Yale authorities.

SWEET HOME.

Sing together, dear companions ;
Sing a sacred measure ;
Ring out the chime, brothers ;
Measure the time, brothers ;
Give the day to joy and pleasure !

CHORUS : Home ! home ! sweet home !
Home ! home ! sweet home !
Sweet home ! sweet home !
Give the day to joy and pleasure !

Lo ! the happy hour approaches,
Bringing home and gladness ;
School went so wearily ;
Home smiles so cheerily ;
Home repays us all our sadness.

Leave my weary muse, thy task-work,
Leave thy books and learning ;
Labour and sorrow, muse,
Leave till to-morrow muse ;
Home and freedom are returning.

Laughs the year and laughs the meadows ;
All should laugh together,
Home flits the swallow now,
Home let us follow now,
'Thro' the shining summer weather

Roger ! man ! bring out the horses !
Quick ! we would be going !
Oh ! for the lovely place !
Oh ! for the mother's face !
Kisses sweet once more bestowing.

Sing of home and happy greetings !
Sing a sacred measure !
Morning star ! Why delay ?
Sing, brothers ! Wake the day !
Day of home, delight and pleasure !

Winchester—England's old ecclesiastical capital—is an intensely interesting spot to the student of history, and Winton College—more commonly known as Winchester College—is not the least of its many interesting features. It was built by the Bishop of Wykeham in the fifteenth century, by whom was written 'Dulce Domum,' the Latin original of "Sweet Home." Just before leaving for home on their Whitsun holiday the boys, in ages from 11 to 19, gather at the College gate and sing the pretty lines of "Dulce Domum," which is given translated above, a custom which has been kept up for centuries. Until within about fifty years the home-brewed ale was served to the boys in "black-jacks"—a huge black vessel, not unlike the half of a cocoa nut shell—and until but recently "trenchers" were used for plates. These were square bits of flat wood about three-quarters of an inch thick, and served as the one receptacle from which all their food was to be eaten. "Fagging" still remains in force, but it is entirely altered from what it was in olden times so as to be a source of advantage to both parties. The College motto is "Manners Makyth Men."

A. L. C., '02.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

The annual open meeting of the Natural Science Association will take place on Thursday, February 28th, at 8 p.m. Lectures will be delivered by Prof. Wright and Prof. Ellis, and a good musical programme has been provided. Programs in janitor's office. Everybody come!!!!

SPORTS.

WELLINGTONS 6—VARSITY, 2.

In the third and deciding game of the series the Wellingtons defeated Varsity on Monday last by 6—2. The attendance was very large and the game fast and exciting throughout, and at no time did the winners show the superiority one might expect from the score. During the first half when the ice was hard and fast, the Varsity boys outplayed their opponents completely, and should have rolled up a larger score, but bad shooting, combined with splendid work by Morrison in goal, kept the blue and white from tallying more than two while the champions scored one in the same period. In the second half the ice became very heavy and the greater strength of the Wellingtons told against their lighter opponents, and eventually won the game. Immediately after half time the Wellingtons rushed matters and soon succeeded in tying the score, and then the fireworks began. The whole Varsity team seemed to go to pieces badly, and only the superb work of Hanley, in goal, kept the score down. The checking of the Wellingtons was very hard, especially that of Darling and Ardagh. The acquisition of the former strengthened the team immensely, while the latter's work on the forward line was splendid. For Varsity, Snell and Broder probably played the best games.

The attendance of the students was the largest in the club's history, and their encouragement was greatly appreciated by the players, while their music equally well delighted the other spectators. It is hard to believe that the best team won, and it seems only unfortunate that the weather conditions were not more favorable. As a result of this game Varsity drops out of the championship race, while the Wellingtons enter the finals with Queens.

The teams lined up as follows:

Wellingtons—Goal, Morrison; point, Smart; cover, Darling; forwards, Chadwick, Hill, Warden and Ardagh.
Varsity—Goal, Hanley; point, Evans; cover, Wright; forwards, Broder, Gibson, Snell and Gilbert.

AFTER JENNING'S CUP, SURE.

On Monday or Tuesday the Dents. and S.P.S. will play off their tie, and the winners will enter the finals with McMaster and '02 Arts. In this final series each team plays every other one, and some hot games are anticipated.

The Dents. had lots of practice last week, playing Uxbridge, Norwood, and Bolton, on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, respectively. In Uxbridge they were beaten 9-5, chiefly because of the very narrow rink (the length of seven hockey sticks broad), but at Norwood they redeemed themselves, beating the team there 8-6. At Bolton the game was a tie, 2—2. They expect to play Lindsay some time this week.

On Friday last, Varsity I. went to Buffalo to play hockey there. They won by a score of 6 to 5. As Gibson was away with the Dents. McArthur took his place.

'02 CHAMPIONS OF ARTS.—On Wednesday last the Juniors beat the Sophomores 11-7 in a swift game that to spectators resembled a Donneybrook Fair. In the first part of the game the Sophs. outplayed their opponents, and until about five minutes before half-time held the lead at 3-1. But then the husky Juniors shovelled two more in, leaving the score at half-time 3-3. Then began an interesting scene; '02 worked hard and rushed the game fiercely, and scored 5 goals in a short time and then went to pieces. Thereupon '03 took up

the tale, and proceeded to do likewise, using the same method—slugging. They secured 5 goals, but one of them was disallowed by the '02 goal umpire. Then arose a mighty cry for vengeance from '03, and J. C. disappeared in hot haste. This left the Sophs with 7 goals, and disheartened them so that 3 more goals were scored for the winners, but not without receiving marks of the fray. O'Flynn got mixed up with Wilson and was sent to the fence, and rough play was characteristic of both sides. For the losers, Loeser in goal made some magnificent stops, and Broder for the winners played the best game. '02—Gould, Isbester, Wilson, Broder, Symington, McGee, McDiarmid. '03—Loeser, McEvoy, McDougall, Dixon, O'Flynn, Livingstone, Gladney.

FENCING.

The senior tournament will take place on Saturday, March 2. The honorary president of the club, Mr. J. Falconbridge, has donated a handsome gold medal, which will be keenly contested for. Roaf, the winner of last year's junior championship will be a hard man to beat. Gagné and Duff are in good form, and will make a strong fight for the top place. Greig and Percy Biggs will uphold the honor of Arts in good fencing.

The junior tournament will take place the following week to the senior. The medal given by the club will be coveted by about a dozen juniors. Among the most promising are Baldwin, Rust, Green and Rose, whose long arm will be an awkward thing to get away from; not to mention the number of dark horses which always characterize a junior tournament. All entries for the senior tournament must be handed in to the secretary, W. A. Duff, or G. M. Bertram, before Thursday, Feb. 28. All entries for the junior tournament not later than Saturday March 2.

G. M. B.

ATHLETIC DIRECTORATE FOR 1901-2.

On Friday afternoon there was a hot contest for the coveted honors which go with the position of athletic director for next year. At a preliminary special meeting of the Athletic Association the Fencing Club secured a representation of five men on the electoral board. Then the main election took place, and after several ballots were taken the fortunate men were announced to be: V. E. Henderson, B.A., G. M. Bertram, '01, E. R. Paterson, '02; F. H. Broder, '02, and C. L. Wilson, '02.

GYMNASIUM NOTES.

Biggs, Brereton and Hargrave are taking a similar course in tumbling.

The latest acquirement on the horizontal bar is the back somersault from it to the ground.

"Billy" Hendry has been putting the boys on to some new things on the parallel bars.

Since Varsity I. and '03 were put out of business in hockey, the Bayonet Squad has more regular attendance.

"Jud" Decew and "Bert" Wood are engaged at present in original research on the horizontal bar and on the rings.

"Tommy" Hargrave and "Tiny" Middleton are practising up for a quarterstaff contest at the assault-arms.

It is almost certain that this year we will have a pair of clowns who will rival the redoubtable Boyd and Stovel of three years ago.

Last week the riflemen were vaulting over high fences with rifles and side-arms, practising for the military "Loyd Lindsay."

The gymnasium team contemplate taking a little tour after the Assault-at-arms to give exhibitions in two or three places near Toronto.

Our "Freshman" took a drop on to his neck from the trapeze the other day, but hobbled up none the worse for it, except humiliated in spirit.

On Wednesday last the trapeze was set flying, and half a dozen men tried their nerve on it. There will be at least four performers on the flying trapeze this year.

Perhaps a Varsity bayonet team will be entered in the contest at the horse show this year. At any rate some of the military students will enter the individual contests.

Charlevoix, a school freshman, is showing up well in the ground-work. In a few spots he is apparently double-jointed, and is equally at home upside down or downside up.

Only two weeks and a day until the Assault-at-Arms. Secretary Bertram is kept busy making arrangements for it. The tickets will soon be put on sale by the members of the Gym. Committee.

The men who wield the bayonet are, Wood, Greig, Hargrave, Hanley, Brereton, McKinnon, Hoyles, Baldwin, McDougall (Sunshine), McDougall (Alb. Ed.), Deroche, Schaefer, Snively.

The athletic directors of the years and colleges should be on the lookout for husky men to pull on the tug-of-war teams. It is becoming rather monotonous to see Knox carry it off every year. Cannot some other team spruce up?

CHESS.

Varsity won the final match with the City Athletic Club on Saturday, giving our team the lead in the city championship. Following is the score:

VARSITY		C. A. C.	
Beck.	0	Freland.	1
Shenstone, N.S.	1	Saunders.	0
Hunter.	1	Muntz.	0
Prof. Mara.	1	Snellgrove.	0
Shenstone, S. F.	½	Eddis.	½
Woods.	1	Dr. Watson.	0
Gibson.	1	Hill.	0
Hodgson.	1	Amsden.	0
	6½		1½

Mr. Hare, the caretaker of the Student's Union building, is inclined to think that the meetings of the Women's "Lit." are all a farce, and yet he cannot see the fun in them either. It seems that the fair comedians sometimes appear so early in the evening that the poor man has to do without any supper till on toward midnight. More than sympathy might move the ladies to a consideration of Mr. Hare's complaint.

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ROTUNDA.

Superintending Editor, A. E. Hamilton, '02.

Prof. H. (reading Plato)—"I may say that I can't do these things, but you will say that it is all can't." (Great enthusiasm).

In a practice match at the Mutual Street Rink, Friday night, '03 got even with '02 by trouncing the champions to the tune of 9-3.

F. C. Clappison delivered a highly interesting and instructive address before the Pickwick Club recently on the subject of "Single Tax and Anarchism."

Rumor has it that Willoman, of '04, has undertaken the management of the Tawnies' hockey team. In a freshman this seems like more than enterprise.

The lean and hungry Cassius look of the '03 classics men on Monday, is explained by a 1.10 o'clock lecture at Victoria. Better take a piece in your pockets, boys!

Prof. F. (calling roll)—"I must confess that I know the girls better than I do the boys. I suppose some of you men wish you could say the same thing." (Deathly silence for the space of about a minute).



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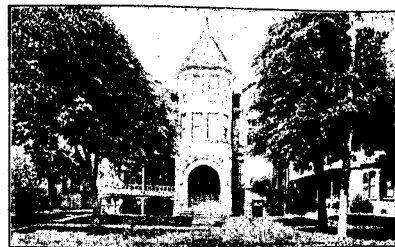
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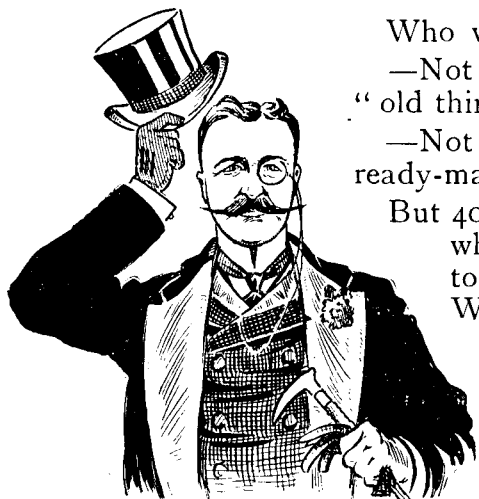
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Peter Scott, '04, is at present waxing eloquent over the goat, but soon expects to have a goatee of his own to wax.

Remember the meeting of the University of Toronto Union this afternoon at four o'clock, in the Students' Union building.

Captain H. Z. C. Cockburn, '91, will arrive at the Union Station to-night at eight o'clock. A large crowd of friends will be there to welcome the hero home.

Attention is again directed to the rule that all contributions to THE VARSITY must bear the writer's signature. This applies to the Rotunda column.

One of our enterprising Freshmen says he never enjoyed anything better than the Undergraduate Union Concert. How could it be otherwise under the circumstances, Schaeff?

Professor W. (addressing the janitor in the rotunda). "I may be wrong, I may be wrong." Truly, it is well to enforce, except by example, but is not this carrying the historian's "healthy scepticism" a little too far?

A sign on Adelaide street reads "John Johns, Dies and Moulds in Iron, etc." This leads one of '04's innocents to reflect that the poor fellow is either in the variety show at Shea's or else is rehearsing for a place that is warmer than this.

Feather Aylesworth is not likely to get a place on the baseball team in the spring unless he improves decidedly in the meantime. He shied a rubber at one of the men in a Second Year psychology lecture last week, and hit the wrong man entirely. This will never do, Feather.

A meeting of the committee appointed by the Third Year to consider ways and means to bring out a year book next fall, was held on Friday afternoon, and men were designated to communicate with the classes of '02 in S. P. S., Victoria, and Medicine.

Some of the friends of J. M. Denholm, formerly of '02, have just received copies of the diary of his recent wheeling trip through Europe. Many of his experiences are quite novel to most people. The typesetting and binding of the book are Mr. Denholm's own work and reflect credit on him.

After the '02-'03 hockey game a week ago last Friday, several Sophomores who have been making themselves rather conspicuous during the past year, visited a certain restaurant, where they overturned chairs and tables, broke a number of dishes, threw food around the room, and finally decamped without paying for what they had ordered. It is all right to feel elated over a victory, but there are limits.

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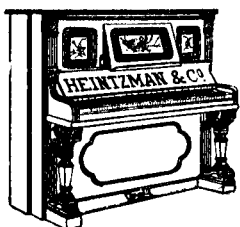
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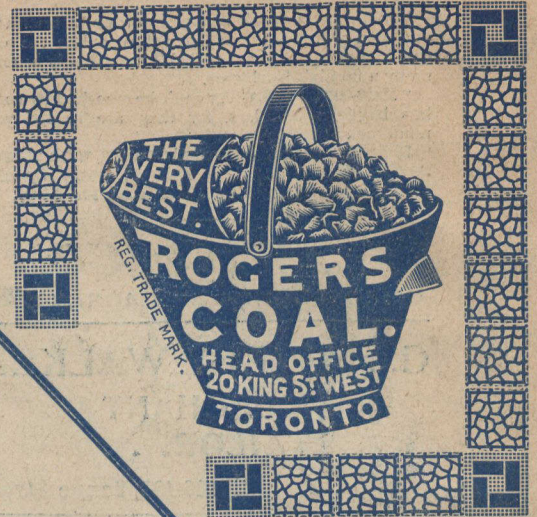
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