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It is our purpose to briefly review the principal and most important events that have happened in the history of the College during the year that has passed away, and which is now numbered with those things which were and are not.

On the 30th of January the first number of the *College Times* appeared. All the boys were delighted with the idea, and if they had only resolutely determined to aid the Editors and Committee by their contributions, the *Times* would have been a more complete success than what it was. The Editors were able, however, with a very slight assistance rendered by a few of the boys, to perform, in what manner and with what result it is not for us to say, the task they had undertaken, the last two numbers of Volume I. of the *College Times* being issued on Convocation Day; and we think we can say that the successful carrying on of this undertaking was the most important event that occurred in the history of the College during the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

No other event occurred between the opening of College in January and its close in June which requires much comment. The Debating Society was in a most prosperous condition, and the only circumstance of note in its history was the resignation of most of its more prominent members, who formed themselves into the Upper Canada College Literary Society.

After the Easter holidays cricket was commenced, and though nothing very flattering can be said of the first eleven, still it is but just to add that they succeeded in regaining from the Bankers the laurels that they had lost in the previous year.

The College work proper seemed to be going on very vigorously, and in most of the forms the contest for the head places was very keen. In the fifth form, where the head places are decided by the Exhibition Examinations, the first place resulted in a tie.

Convocation Day has come at length, and the boys are eager to have the ceremonies over, and this year the Principal is extremely willing to accede to their wishes. All the boys know what is done in the Public Hall on Convocation Day, where are gathered a gay and brilliant

assembly of wit, wisdom and beauty. The Principal takes a public farewell of those of the sixth who have been the happy recipients of prizes, and speaks most feelingly of the sorrow it gives him to part with them, and especially with the head boy, and wishes for them, one and all, the greatest success in whatever they may do in the big world outside and beyond the College. In presenting the successful students of the other forms with their prizes he makes a few remarks, and then follows with a long oration, telling in the most eloquent, classic and beautiful language what the College has done in the past, is doing in the present, and expects and intends to do in the future, and always concludes by wishing the boys a most happy and pleasant time during their long-summer holidays. This year the Principal was very brief, and paid a most graceful compliment to the Editor and Committee of the *College Times*, by taking the most of his remarks from its columns; and we feel sure there were none of the boys who felt prouder on that day than they did, and none wished more that the Principal would have a pleasant voyage across the Atlantic. The wishes, we are sure, of all the boys also would cross the deep with Mr. Martland, than whom no master could take a deeper interest in the welfare of the boys. The usual cheers were given, and college duties were packed in the trunks of the boys, along with their books, to be thought of no more till College should open in September.

Early in the summer those of the masters' residence which had been injured or destroyed by the fire which occurred a few weeks before the summer vacation of the previous year, were repaired or rebuilt.

Two of the masters, J. A. McLellan, Esq., M.A., who received and accepted the appointment of High School Inspector, and C. H. Connon, Esq., M.A., resigned their positions, and the college authorities were fortunate in securing as their successors the Rev. A. Sweetnam, M.A., and Mr. C. G. Sparling.

After the holidays many of the old boys returned, and a numerous company of new boys were ready to cast in their lot with them. The Boarding House was full, and many applications for admission had to be refused. Cricket was played but little after the holidays; in fact we think it is fast becoming to the boys of the College one of the lost arts. This is greatly to be regretted, as there is no better out-door game that the boys could play. Base Ball, however, was played with a will, and, with but little practice, the boys were able to wrest victory from many clubs, and only suffered one defeat throughout the whole season.

The games were this year quite successful. The boys took more pains in training and practising for them, and the issue of the races was in consequence much more exciting than it has been for some time. The Committee also took more pains in selecting the prizes, and they were rewarded by hearing no complaints from the winners.

The only other event of which comment need be made is the Theatricals. The whole affair promised to be a grand success, but owing to the critical condition in which the heir apparent to the throne, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, then was, it was wisely deemed advisable that the entertainment should not be given.

Thus ended eighteen hundred and seventy-one—a year of which all the boys may well feel proud, and of which none need feel ashamed.

AN ODE TO THE PAST YEAR.

Departed year around thee cling
Sweet mem'ries of the past.
But oh! thy months, thy weeks, thy days,
Were unto some their last.

To some thou wert a year of joy;
To some a year of pain;
And many thy neglected hours,
Would gladly spend again.

But thou art gone, forever gone;
O! solemn, solemn thought:
By man in his unrighteousness
Too oft considered naught.

I loved thy spring, bright smiling maid,
With sunny garlands crowned;
I loved thy summer when he waved
His golden sceptre round.

I loved thy autumn when he dealt,
With overflowing hand,
The bounty of His plenteousness
O'er this my Fatherland.

Departed year, thou art to me
By thousand ties endeared;
The hallowed records of thy scrawl
Shall ever be revered.

J. G. M., ex-pupil.

TO THE BOYS.

Hail once more the *College Times*,
See its banner now unfurled;
On it written all the items
Passing in the College world.

Hail each issue of your paper,
Make it worthy of its name,
Aid your comrades in their efforts—
Higher, higher, be your aim.

May its interests e'er be blended,
Joined with those of every boy,
Let it form a College medium,
Its appearance hailed with joy

If it should attain its purpose,
We shall evermore be found
Glad, that once old U. C. College
Had a paper so renowned.

Should it meet with your approval,
Happy shall we be to find,
In the next some sparkling fragment,
From your own enlightened mind.

Seize, then, seize the passing moments,
Be your motto "Carpe diem,"
Hurry in your contributions,
Whether they be prose or rhyme.

R., pro Ed.

"We used to hear long ago that the curse of Cain was upon us all. We do not think the curse of Cain exists in Upper Canada College." This was sent to us by a marvellously intelligent boy in the third form, who had probably narrowly escaped a licking.

"NOT DEAD YET."

The *College Times*, phoenix-like, has revived at last, and lies before the reader in its second infancy—infancy, let us hope, only inasmuch as it is once more starting on its course, for with the slight amount of experience that must have flowed in last year, this paper ought to be, and we shall try to make it, an improvement on the last. But this is rash. It is a great piece of indiscretion on our part to draw any favourable conclusions before hand about the merit of the paper. It would be more politic for us to qualify any brilliant expectations the reader may, perchance, have formed, because "blessed is he that expecteth little, for he shall never be disappointed." But yet we would plainly state that we do modestly cherish hopes that we shall be able to lay before the proverbial "gentle reader" a publication better than that of last year. We imply no disparagement of those who conducted the work last year, for they had great difficulties to close with, and the wonder is that they did not come out worse. Yet though we do thus publish our propitious auguries, we would recommend ourselves to mercy.

Let the considerate reader pause and reflect one moment by whom it is written. Milton was the greatest epic poet that ever lived, but yet the few scraps of his boyish effusions that he was so foolish as to hand down to us are decidedly poor. Therefore, though each particular boy of this school should be "some (hitherto) "mute inglorious Milton," yet must not our readers, outside the College, blame or despise us if we do not produce anything equal to Milton. And as for our readers *inside* the College, they have no right to criticize at all. They must help. If they see anything that they do not approve of, let them send in their improvement, for surely no body can criticize a production unless he thinks he can do better himself.

We should like to make a College paper, and to realize that end, we would encourage and ask for a more general contribution—length is no object, in fact brevity is preferable. "Not good enough" would then be no excuse, for, if we had a large number of short articles from different hands there would be enough variety to afford pleasant reading without such a glaring display of wit, as might be necessary to make a longer article palatable. And besides the paper would then be a true College paper. The College mind and opinions would be more truly represented than they were last year when the paper was left almost entirely in the hands of the odd half dozen who interested themselves in it. Let there be no lack of correspondence in the paper in which every one may engage. There are many who would and could write if they were accustomed to writing. Let them contribute frequently and acquire the habit of writing. There are others who are possessed of the *caecitha scribendi*—who have an itch for writing—and will be only too happy to take up the pen occasionally, and scratch off something for the paper. Let those contribute too "for *ubi dolo, ubi digitus*, one must needs scratch where it itches."

Is it not strange that the "best man" at a wedding is not the bridegroom? This must be the reason of so many unhappy marriages.

Mr. Brown (fiercely). "I owe you a grudge." Mr. Jones: "A grudge, sir; remember that!" Mr. Jones (coolly): "Oh, that's nothing, I shan't be alarmed, for I never knew you to pay anything you owed!"

A man was present at the funeral of a neighbour, of whom no good could be honestly said. But everybody was saying something, and this man not wishing to appear singular, but being incapable of a lying eulogy, remarked that it was "a nice quiet corpse."

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLLEGE TIMES.

SIR,—It has occurred to me during the Christmas holidays that we might, with benefit, introduce among the exercises of the Society, a custom which in all Literary and Debating Clubs, has been recognized as useful and improving. I refer to the reading of essays by the members at the regular meetings of the Society. It is well-known that when we, for very good reasons, split off from the old Debating Society, we revised and amended its laws to suit our peculiar position. At that time the question of essays was touched upon, and it was then thought that we could not get enough among our members who would take the trouble to compose and read an essay every week, especially when our Society was but an experiment itself, and we were nearing the close of the college year.

But now we have got a Society in good working order, and after our late President's assurance that we had among our numbers unlimited talent, surely we should not be afraid to make this attempt.

The chief objections—the benefits are well understood—will be, I presume, first, that it will be much labour on some few of the members who will be willing to write, and next that the *fin* of interesting subjects for the essayists is very *un*difficult. With regard to the first objection it must be borne in mind that there are some forty members in the Society at present, and that the greatest number of essays that will be required to be read is only twelve, or even less, that is, having one essay every second meeting, which is, in my estimation quite sufficient. So, surely out of forty members, we might be able to get twelve who would be content to make some effort in this direction.

The next objection is the finding of subjects. This is easily overcome. Let the subject of the debate at one meeting be the subject for the next essay, and let the essayist take notes of the speeches of the different debaters in order to supply himself with sufficient materials. Thus the subjects will be provided, and what is more, the substance of the essay.

Hoping that this contribution will be but the commencement of a well filled correspondence column in your paper I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

F. R. H.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLLEGE TIMES.

MR. EDITOR,—As I have been once or twice asked why the Christmas entertainment was put off, and moreover as the enquirers seemed to have got hold of a false reason for the postponement, I have thought advisable to write to you, and request your insertion of this note in explanation.

The cause that prevented the carrying through of the entertainment was the illness of the Prince of Wales. On the Thursday and Friday of the week, before that on which the entertainment was to take place, the telegrams reported that he could not possibly live long, therefore on Friday evening the Committee of Management met and agreed to postpone the entertainment. They did not think themselves justified in engaging the scenery, lights, costumes, &c., whilst the Prince, whose death would put a stop to all proceedings, lay in that precarious state. If he were to have died when, on the one hand, the scenery, &c., had been engaged and put up; and on the other, the tickets had been all sold—we should have had to put it off at a disadvantage with little bills pouring in from the property owners on the one side, and, on the other, gentle requests from the ticket-holders to refund the value of the tickets we had disposed of. With these few explanatory remarks,

I remain yours truly,

ONE OF THE COMMITTEE.

COLLEGE MARKING.

I think as this is the age of progression and reform, there should also be reform in our College. In the first place, I think marking is a farce, and a loss of time, energy and principle, to the Principal, masters and boys: As to loss of time; when a form enters a classroom there is about ten minutes taken up in getting started; after which the master is worried by, "Please sir, I did not hear my number," or, "Please sir, there are two eighteens or tens," as the case may be, at the end of the lesson, there are from five to ten minutes taken up in marking the numbers, and more especially at the end of the quarter, when the reports are made out, what adding and dividing! It is a wonder it is kept up, yet the perseverance to a supposed duty is worthy of praise. In taking places one loses what another gains, and is decidedly against the principle of "fair exchange is no robbery." This produces ill-feeling among a certain class of boys, of course not every boy, nor even many boys, yet even a system which causes a feeling of envy or anger in a few boys, which may arise from ill-humour, disappointment, or a feeling of injustice, is worthy of censure. Again the principle of honour of not a few boys is at stake, and what are all the advantages that may be derived from this system, compared with the ruin of the boys' morality or honour? There are cases of this, I have no doubt, of which we are not aware, but there is one case known to not a few, of a boy who left this College, and entered a bank in this city, and was found guilty of defrauding his employer, owing no doubt to the fact that while at College he began by cheating for places and honours that he never fairly won. I think it is hardly necessary here to enter into a detailed account of all the different styles or rather dodges of cheating, it would neither be edifying nor perhaps pleasant. I think it would be well if the masters instead of talking and lecturing about cheating, would go to the root of the matter and put a stop to the marking system. But if they are too conservative for reform, I think as descendants of the British, whose honour was their glory, we should shun all cheating: as Canadians we should strike for our own honour, and as College boys we should uphold the honour of the College, that we may enter the world with a true principle of honour when we have no Principal to guide us.

REFORMER.

TO MINERVA.

FROM THE GREEK.

My temples throb, my pulses boil,
I'm sick of song, and ode, and ballad—
So Thyrsis takes the midnight oil,
And pour it on a lobster salad.

My brain is dull, my sight is foul,
I cannot write a verse, or read—
Then, Pallas, take away thine owl,
And let us have a lark instead.

HOON.

MANNA.

When, through the wilderness, by Moses led,
Food for the faithful fell from Heaven each morn,
They wondered much to be so strangely fed,
Because they were not *to the manna born*.

THE FIRST TEMPTER.

'Tis said that we caused man to grieve;
The jest is somewhat stale:
The devil it was who tempted Eve;
And is not he a male?

A LADY.

Long absence frequently makes the heart grow fonder
—of some one else.

THE COLLEGE.

VACCINATION.—Ritualistic practices are on the increase in the Boarding House. On Ash Wednesday the boarders mortified the flesh by undergoing the operation by vaccination.

NOTICE.—As there is at present a great demand on the Committee for the *College Times*, those boys who wish to subscribe for it must hand in their subscriptions immediately to the collectors for their respective forms. The collectors are

For the VI. Form..... W. A. Langton.
 " V. " J. G. McKeown.
 " IV. " R. D. Richardson.
 " Upper Modern Form... W. H. Biggar.
 " Lower " R. Atkinson.
 " III. Form J. A. Paterson.
 " II. A " E. B. Brown.
 " II. B " W. N. Ponton.
 " I. A " H. E. Morphy.
 " I. B " F. E. Hodgins.

By order of Committee.

J. G. McKeown,
 Secretary.

THE LIBRARY.—The Librarians wish to remind the boys that the Library is open every day after school, except on Fridays; and that although everything approaching to a novel appears to have been exhausted long ago, yet there are a great number of nice books yet. The days for the different forms to come are as follows:

Monday..... VI. and V. Form.
 Tuesday..... IV. "
 Wednesday..... Upper Modern.
 Thursday..... III. and Lower Modern

They also beg to ask those wishing to obtain books to write the name and number of the book upon a slip of paper, sign it, and give it to one of the Librarians, or put it in box two or five before prayers, and the book will be given out after prayers at the Library. No slips will be taken after prayers.

DID YOU TAKE?—Has been the general question since the mortifying of the flesh last Wednesday.

VALENTINE'S DAY.—We may inform such of our readers as do not know, that Valentine's day came on Ash Wednesday this year. Fish and Valentines were all the go. We observed that a good many letters with suspicious looking envelopes were delivered to certain boys before, on, and after the great day.

A WARNING.—Since the paper is started again it behooves those who make jokes to prepare better specimens for the edification of those who laugh. For though we do laugh and are excessively delighted at the jokes in class it does not at all follow that the jokes are good, that we think them good, or that they would look well on paper. It would, therefore, be expedient for the jokers to elaborate their productions even more than they have done; let them not spare the humid towel applied to the throbbing brow to aid the laggard thought within; if the extravagant use of linen be begrudged perhaps the College may be prevailed upon to pay the laundress. But at all cost let them hatch, nurture, and mature all jokes of the future more carefully than ever; and above all avoid a too frequent repetition of those fine old crusted jokes that have gotten themselves a name and become historical—for we give them fair warning. "There's a chiel among them taking notes, and faith he'll prent it"

U. C. COLLEGE LITERARY SOCIETY.

On February 9th, the Society met in the Prayer-room, the new President, W. A. Langton, in the Chair, and after the roll was called and the minutes of last meeting read and adopted, the President rose to deliver his inaugural address.

He stated that there was now no occasion for him to dilate upon the once almost invariable subject of an address from the Chair,—order, or rather the want of order. He contrasted the present state of affairs with the babel the old Society was at one time, and thought that to this rational behaviour was in great measure due the interest of the proceedings of the Society, now gave to all connection with it. He proceeded to give some evidences of this increased interest, and then pointed out the growth in the number of members—the roll call at the first meeting this year being eighteen, and that of the last thirty-four,—and added that the evil effects that some anticipated from bringing in members from forms lower than the fifth had not yet made themselves felt. He remarked upon the frequent attendance of honorary members—stated that ex-pupils, who were not honorary members had expressed a desire to see the proceedings—and thought that if some member would make a motion to that effect he would like to hear the opinion of the Society upon the question of having a public debate. He said the Society seemed to be startled at the suggestion, but it would require some motion equally startling to afford as good subject for debate as the Society discussed last term. He then proceeded to review the principal motions of last term. He said that till this meeting, when the by-law took effect, compelling the retiring Treasurer to present his report, the Society had been completely in the dark about their funds. That they did not know how much the Treasurer received on entering office, or how much he handed over to his successor. He referred to the time when the Society had expressed suspicions of the manner in which the committee managed the entertainment fund, and said that this by-law did away with any cause for petty suspicion on the part of the Society or of annoyance to the Treasurer. He then showed how the by-law, causing the nomination of officers to take place one week before the election, acted to effect the election of suitable persons to fill the different offices—to facilitate orderly proceeding—and to increase the interest of the Society.

In taking up the next motion—that of making the election of officers to be decided by ballot—he said that this by-law was more questionable than the last two, that although it had not been used much as yet, and so far successfully, yet enough evil results followed its adoption in the old Society to make it advisable to discuss the matter more, should there be any intention to introduce it further into proceedings of the Society.

He then spoke at some length upon the greatest motion of the term—that relating to the re-establishment of a College paper. He spoke about the present circumstances of the paper, and its future prospects, and at the same time criticized the opposition the idea of starting the paper had received at the hands of a few of the members. He said that this opposition had thrown a great damp on the paper at one time, and that irrational opposition should be guarded against, whilst rational opposition was the life of the Society. He had heard the opposition that the paper styled "factious opposition," though he believed it to have been generally fair and honest. But he thought one reason why it assumed a "factious" appearance was that so few took part in the consequent debates and discussions. There might be many who partook of the opinion of these, but they sat passive, and did not show it. He concluded his remarks by an exhortation to more general speaking, and resumed his seat amidst great applause.

It was then moved by R. Atkinson, and seconded by F. E. Hodgins, that the reporter's abstract of the President's address be inserted in the *College Times*. Carried.

The following nominations were then made:

G. T. Blackstock—Moved by P. Bryce and seconded by J. A. Paterson.

J. C. Harstone—Moved by E. B. Brown and seconded by W. G. Mowatt.

The retiring Treasurer, J. A. Paterson, then made his financial statement, and the present Treasurer, E. B. Brown, read a report of the present state of the finances.

E. B. Brown stated that on entering on the duties of this office as Treasurer on the 2nd February, he had received from the retiring Treasurer, J. A. Patterson, the sum of two cents, and that J. A. Patterson informed him that the levy ordered by the Society to defray the expenses incurred by the committee for the theatricals had not been all collected. He collected the remainder in part and paid one of the members of the committee. E. B. Brown also thought that the members who had not responded to the levy should at once pay up their indebtedness.

The late Treasurer, J. A. Patterson, thought that it was not the duty of the Treasurer to collect, but merely to receive and keep all monies of the Society.

F. E. Hodgins stated that according to the laws of the Society, the Treasurer was required to collect as well as keep the money of the Society.

E. B. Brown then requested R. Atkinson to furnish him with an account of the surplus from the *College Times* of last year.

R. Atkinson replied that he would.

For the debate, J. A. Paterson, was elected chairman, and stated that there would be an open debate on the subject—"Is Ancient poetry more sublime than Modern?" R. Atkinson led the affirmative, followed by W. A. Langton; and H. E. Morphy, R. D. Richardson and E. B. Brown supported the negative. The chairman, after summing up the arguments, decided in favour of the affirmative.

The Society then adjourned.

To church I went,
 But I grieved and I scrowed,
 For the season was Lent,
 And the sermon was borrowed.

"My dear friend," said a gentleman to a bankrupt the other day, "I'm sorry to hear of your misfortunes; your family has my warmest sympathies, "Oh, don't trouble yourself about my family. I looked out for them, you bet! Just save your sympathies for the families of my creditors."

A facetious tradesman, after having repeatedly announced that he was "selling off," has now placarded his house with bills, stating that he is "selling on."

VERY NATURAL.—Visitor (to convict)—"Well, my friend, what are you in for?" Prisoner—"Me? why I'm in for getting out, if I can."

Judge Brackenridge, in reprimanding a criminal, was answered by him, "Sir, I am not so great a scoundrel as your honour—takes me to be." Put your words closer together," replied the Judge.

A LOVE SONG.

Apud in is ami de si er,
 Mimis tres I ne ver re qui er.
 Ato veri findit a gestic,
 Iis miseri n: ver at oratis.

SWIFT.

A SICK COLLEGE BOY.

All alone I lay on my boarding-house bed,
My hands so feverish, and such a pain in my head,
That when the doctor came and saw me he said,
"To-day you must not get up."
The fire is out and the room is quite cold,
And countless rats are indeed getting bold,
For I see them sneaking right out of their holes,
And eating what's in my cup.

There's a long, long hall 'tween this and the stairs,
Of which there are several very steep pairs;
And waiter does not attend to my prayers
For potatoes and a tender cut.
I've called as loud as indeed I should,
But hear waiter neither could or would,
For I am weak for want of food,
And the door of my room is shut.

But hark! the three quarters past ten bells sound,
And I hear the shouts in the large play ground
Of the boys contending for the high school mound,
Built in the centre field.
There are Tom and Harry and Jack I suppose
The loud voices of whom everybody knows,
When at play, (but not when at Latin Prose,
To which their minds they do not yield.)

Oh, how I long to go out and play,
And not lie in this lonely bed all day,
But to join in the hardy school-boys fray,
That's going on outside.
But I must not grumble or even sigh,
For I shall be healthy as Jack bye and bye;
Then to beat him for Term I'll try,
And Exhibitions beside.

R. N.

APPROPRIATE CONUNDRUM.—How many days has the year of its own? Three hundred and twenty-five, because forty of them are Lent (lent).

ON A BAD SINGER.

Swans sing before they die: 'twere no bad thing
Should certain persons die before they sing.
COLERIDGE.

DECLINED WITH THANKS.

A correspondent something new,
Transmitting signed himself "X.Q.,"
The editor his letter read,
And begged he might be X.Q. Z.

A RETORT.

"I'm going to seal a letter, Dick,
Some wax pray give to me."
"I have not got a single stick,
Or whacks I'd give to thee."

MARRIAGE GRIEFS.

On his death-bed poor Lubin lies—
His spouse is in despair;
With frequent sobs and mutual sighs
They both express their care.
"A different cause," says Parson Sly,
"The same effect may give;
Poor Lubin fears that he shall die,
His wife that he may live."

PHOX.

A doctor's motto is supposed to be "Patients and long suffering."

A candid old bachelor says, "After all, a woman's heart is the sweetest thing in the world; it is a perfect honeycomb—full of cells."

Mary had a little corn
That grow upon her toe,
And everywhere that Mary went
The corn was sure to go.

What fish has its eyes nearest together? The smallest.
If a small boy is a lad, is a big boy a ladder?

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