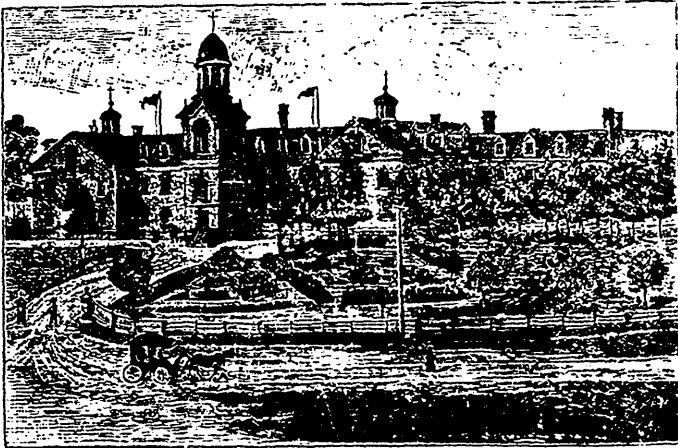


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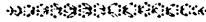
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## MONTH OF MAY.

The month of May and devotion to the Queen of Heaven are so linked together, that to Catholics this month is familiarly known as "the Month of Mary." During this month all the love, respect and veneration of a Catholic world is poured forth in acts of love and devotion to her who was the Mother of our Saviour.

Even her enemies (for those who sneer at us for respecting her are her enemies) revere, blindly perhaps, but none the less surely, the ideal Christian woman found only in the Virgin Mother of Nazareth. It is therefore not surprising to see millions of Catholics of every color and of every clime, animated by the same faith and devotion, invoking her aid, conscious of the great influence she wields before the throne of her Immortal Son.

A few weeks ago the students completed their annual spiritual retreat. Rev. Fr. Connolly, who preached here last year, again performed the duties of Director. The students followed the exercises of this retreat with remarkable fervor and devotion and on the morning of its last day received Holy Communion in a body.

Our students are conscious of the value of a good retreat, and take advantage of their college days to cultivate a religious spirit, which is so necessary to all young men about to enter upon a world where pitfalls abound.

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As this will probably be the last number of EXCELSIOR to appear under the present management, the editors take this opportunity of thanking those who aided them during the past term. We are sensible that we were not faultless, but we feel our readers understood the difficulties that confront an editor in producing a college paper.

We are sorry the support from the students was not what we looked forward to at the beginning of the year. Many of them seem to think that, when they have paid their subscription, further duties to EXCELSIOR cease. Others refused to do what they conscientiously believed to be their duty to their college and themselves and shirked the task of aiding the paper in any way. Of these latter we need say little, for in every community we find the laggard, in a more or less perfect state, and it is but natural to find him among us, ever grumbling, ever dissatisfied, but never doing.

We did not refer to this subject before, for we thought that a change might take place before the end of the term. But as some students seem as indifferent now as ever we think it time to make them aware of their true position. If you wish to continue a college paper here you must take a more active interest in it, and not leave the entire work with a few. We have always endeavored to make EXCELSIOR a worthy representative of our institution, and all that is required to make it a leader among college papers is a little more *college spirit*. We hope that the staff succeeding us will receive your hearty support and feel that if you will appreciate their position you will aid them by every means in your power.

## REFRACTION.

The world in youth is bathed in whitest light,  
And all life reflects its dazzling rays and bright.  
Then comes a day when with sad, tear-dimmed eyes,  
We look abroad upon the fields, the skies,  
And lo! behold! the tear-drops' crystal sheen  
Has thrown new beauty upon all the scene.  
And as the prism breaks the dancing beam,  
And makes a chord of wondrous glory & gleam,  
So our salt tears break up the complex ray  
Of life's great myst'ry. Then begin to play  
Upon the wall of God's great school of men  
The rainbow tints of things beyond our ken.

MARY AGNES O'CONNOR.

St. Bernard's Convent.

## SATIRE.

At the present day so much respect is shown for the feelings of others that writers seldom produce works of an ironical character. The nearest approach we have to satire is that kind of novel which our friend the *Xavier* chooses to call the "problem novel," the aim of which is to reform and remodel.

The Greeks wrote Satyre, a species of jocose drama in which the Satyrs played the principal part. Of this kind of writing there is yet extant the *Cyclops* of Euripides. We must not, however, notwithstanding the accidental resemblance of the words satyre and satire confound them, nor do we think that the Roman satirists are indebted to the Greeks in this kind of writing. In other species of writing there can be no doubt that the Romans followed in the path of the Grecian history, it is true, we come across the names of such satirists as Archilochus and Simonides of Amorgos. These we are told were the first to use the Iambic verse. It is of the first named of these that Horace says: "Archilochum proprio rabies armavit iambo." He was then the first Grecian satirist, but the fact that his fixed meter was not used by the first Roman satirist goes to show that there was no imitation. The Grecian satirists were properly speaking gnomic writers and being so, aimed less at reforming and remodeling than the Romans.

The first Latin satire, according to ancient writers, is the work of Ennius. It was written with method and formal reasoning and for the purpose of reforming. One or two others hurled their darts of ridicule at men, till Horace put the finishing hand to Roman satire. The accumulation of wealth which the Romans had suddenly acquired through pillage and confiscations tended to make them degenerate very quickly. Horace was an indifferent spectator of the degradation of his country; he saw the wealthy freedmen and the provincial magistrates vieing ungracefully with men like Macenas in whom power and wealth were united with elegant taste and love of splendor; he looked with a scornful eye at



at the legacy hunter paying assiduous flattery to a wealthy and childless bachelor ; he noted the unbending principles of the Stoic carried to an extravagant length ; and he watched many writers, who had no real pretention to the character of a poet, seeking to occupy the foremost places by introducing the practice of recitations to friends and public assemblies making it sometimes no easy matter to escape from the vanity and importunity of those who were predetermined to delight their neighbours with the splendour and harmony of their verses. No better weapon could be used than the light shafts of ridicule ; the improvement of others, under the circumstances, could be brought about only by the correction of vice. He makes the slave perfectly acquainted with his master's private life, speak of the foibles and follies of the age ; he exhibited the extravagance of a philosophic sect by causing us to listen to the pretended philosopher, newly converted to stoicism ; and he described the banquet of an Epicurean by setting before us one of the guests present at the entertainment. Such was the work done by the greatest of Roman satirists, the greatest of ancient satirists ; nearly as great was the work done by Juvenal in the reign of Domitian.

Coming to our own literature, we find that we are indebted to both Horace and Juvenal ; we also find that satire has been a favourite species of composition with a few at the beginning of the nineteenth century. Though we can scarcely call Chaucer a reformer, we must class "Steele Glas" as a real satire. The seventeenth century gives us the greatest satire in our tongue and the eighteenth furnishes us with "Gullivar's Travels" and the "Dunciad" which shall probably live as long as there is a parliament that is not perfect and rivalry between writers. Nor do we look in vain in the century just closed for this kind of writing where we find Byron satirizing so mercilessly all the writers of former ages whose works and geniuses his opponents admired.

## TALE OF TWO CATS.

DILIGENTLY TRANSLATED FROM THE PERSIAN  
WITHOUT NOTES.

Let novelists consume their ink  
'Bout all the lovely things they think,  
Let poets scribble what they choose  
So they respect the people's views.  
Since ink and paper are so cheap—  
To help my fellow-rhymers keep  
The paper market free, and aid  
Thereby a needful, worthy trade—  
I'll gladly spoil a sheet or two,  
And tell a tale that's gospel true.

The date, if I remember right,  
Was just a week ago to-night.  
While speculating for new stars,  
And watching signal lights on Mars,  
And wondering if up there the ape  
Had yet developed human shape,  
I happened on as strange a sight  
As one could witness in a night.

The rising moon just peeped above  
The shady turrets of the grove ;  
The last hoarse frog had croaked his fill  
And ducked below—and all was still.  
I had approached the neighbouring wood,  
And leaning 'gainst a branch I stood,  
When perched upon a fence I saw—  
Ignoring precedent and law—  
Two cats, with coolness all their own,  
Discoursing in an undertone.

The first a kitten seemed to be—  
A wayward, giddy tabby ; he  
Would hook with his unmannered paw  
The other's tail each chance he saw.

Such pranks the older cat despised  
And oft the foolish one chastised.  
This veteran grave, 'tis safe to say,  
Saw much experience in his day ;  
His shapely head and clear-cut face  
Set off a frame of matchless grace ;  
Three care-worn furrows 'tween his ears  
Bespoke the wisdom of his years.  
Anon he paused with thoughtful stroke  
To part his beard whilst thus he spoke :

“ My son, what hours of secret woe  
Your faults have caused me none may know.  
Since you to thoughtful years have grown,  
I now have hopes, your wild oats sown,—  
' Wild oats,' you know's a term man uses  
When making virtues of abuses—  
You'll honestly strive to understand  
The duties that your years demand.  
Think not the homely tricks you've learned  
Will make folks stare : one thing discerned,  
When cats and men first look about them,  
Is that the world could do without them.  
And furthermore, remember that  
You are no vulgar, common cat.  
Your ancestors, I have been told,  
Were mousers to a lord of old.  
Then bring no shame upon the brood  
By corresponding with the rude.  
Come they, however, in your way  
Drop them a courtesy you may,  
But with such dignity and state  
That shows the lineage of the great.  
'Tis difficult at times, I know,  
To draw the line 'twixt high and low,  
For spiteful Nature made the masses  
Resembling much the upper classes.  
No doubt, you'll meet with cats whose bearing

Will argue sense and noble rearing,  
 But bubbles that the surf has made  
 Display the diamond's ev'ry shade.  
 The shallow'st pool reflects the sky  
 And looks as deep as heaven is high.  
 Sure cats, then, can't be too discreet  
 When Nature, even, shows deceit.

By this the other, serious grown,  
 Replied : " Your counsel, sir, I own  
 Is good, but, faith, it strikes me that's  
 Ungrateful towards the self-made cats.  
 If they be lost, who'll take their places  
 To teach and save the feline races,  
 And do it gratis? Such behaviour  
 Should prompt exceptions in their favour."

## CAT. NO. 2.

" There's reason in your observation,  
 But know, my son, though gravitation  
 Has small affect on common air,  
 'Twould draw such weighty wind, I fear,  
 As self-made folks are pleased to vent  
 And, maybe, cause an accident.  
 Therefore the set has deemed that"—smash !  
 The treacherous branch broke with a crash  
 On which I leaned. And in the night  
 The two cats vanished from my sight.

B. '02.



## XAVIERIANA.

CLASS OF  
'03.

The Debating Society of class '03, of which mention was made in our last issue, is establishing a reputation for itself of no mean order. The great interest which the members take in the debate is shown by the careful study and preparation of the subjects chosen for discussion. This, considering the fact that the subjects selected bear directly on their work, not only serves to develop their talent for debating and public speaking, but also gives them a greater insight into history, literature and science.

One of the most interesting of its debates was held on the evening when the respective merits of Grecian and Roman civilization were discussed. Facts of history and the relative worth of these two ancient countries, particularly in respect to literature were brought up, and the question discussed, on the whole in a very creditable manner. J. H.'s sonorous voice so well suited for the expression of his ideas was often heard. The logical speeches of Alex. delivered with distinct enunciation and with a sweeping eloquence dismayed the upholders of the opposite side. W. B. whose reputation has been sustained in many hard debates, was in excellent fighting form and delivered his declamations with his usual fire and vigor. Often Patrick arose wanting not in argument and adopting everything to his view at the great jeopardy of the preservation of all law and fixed ways of thinking. Many other eloquent and forcible speeches were delivered by the different members but we are unable to make mention of them for the want of space.

CLASS OF  
'04.

At the entertainment of the Freshman Debating Society held on May 3d was given a rare exhibition of musical talent and dramatic ability. The rendering of all the parts of the long programme was excellent, and a climax was reached when J. S. C. ex-

ecuted the Cake Walk to an excited and highly enthusiastic audience. He was royally attired for the occasion. He wore a coat which notwithstanding his stature extended far below the ordinary terminus of such articles of dress. Under one arm he carried a curiously shaped object which one learned in mythology supposed to be an urn containing the ashes of his sires, but which one of the more shrewd recognized as a well known musical instrument to which he ascribed all the disturbances and physical disorders which existed in the senior dormitory during the past few months.

His performance, which we shall not attempt to describe here, was said by some unscrupulous and mean persons to resemble a war dance, but we are inclined to believe the report of him who spoke of it, as exhibiting great natural fitness for such work, and who predicted a great future for the actor among the cake walkers of the nation. The rest of the entertainment was so completely overshadowed by this feature of the programme, that it was comparatively unappreciated by the audience.

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**VISITORS.** Rev. D. A. Chisholm, D. D., visited the College on his way home from the Southern States, where he had been spending the winter. We are pleased to state that his sojourn in the sunny south has been most beneficial to him, and he returns home with improved health.

Among other visitors at the College during the last month were: Revs. Chas. McDonald, P. P., Bridgeport, R. McDonald, P. P., Pompquett, Fr. McMaster, P. P., Mabou, and Jas. McKeough, Causo.

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**COMMENCEMENT  
EXERCISES.**

The following is the order of the Commencement Exercises:

Tuesday, June 11th, 4 p. m. — Alumni Meeting, 1st session, College Hall.

Tuesday, June 11th, 7.30 p. m.—Conferring of Degrees, etc., College Hall.

Wednesday, June 12th, 8.00 a. m.—Requiem Mass for Departed Alumni, College Chapel.

Wednesday, June 12th, 9.00 a. m.—Alumni Meeting, 2nd Session, College Hall.

Wednesday, June 12th, 7.00 p. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon and Benediction at Cathedral.

Wednesday, June 12th, 8.00 p. m.—Alumni Dinner, College

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**SCHOOL NOTES.** When I consider that this is to be my last letter to EXCELSIOR from Minimland I am drawn almost involuntarily to look back to the days that are gone. And when I do so, and then turn to my fellow students I am surprised and amazed at the changes which have taken place in them.

The first to catch my eye and smile, little thinking of what I am writing, is our brave little Dot. When Dot arrived at the School last September, he looked so small that the larger Minims were for taking him under their special protection. But although small he soon learned to take care of himself and to see him to-day strutting around the campus with a catcher's glove almost as large as himself, a person would be tempted to call him the School mascot. He is only a dot but quite a power for all "dot."

Winnie small, or rather short, came to St. J. B. from across the border, and coming in somewhat late, he seemed to carry "Yankee Doodle" about with him but I venture to say that he can swing the clubs to the tune of "The Maple Leaf," just as well as he can to the old familiar "Yankee." W. was fond of taking a walk around while still in the arms of Sleep, but he is pretty well cured to-day and can sleep as sound and as long as any of his friends, and I believe there is some difficulty in getting him to leave his warm place at 6 a. m.

When School opened last September a green shadow was found haunting its empty halls and corridors. Many days

previous it had been discovered sitting on a trunk near the main entrance and since that time it wandered aimlessly around. As the boys began to arrive it was brought to light and given a name. Johnny T. soon lost his greenness, but he has never given up his love for stones. He loves rocks of every kind but especially small round ones, and he can't resist the temptation to pick them up and throw them at something or other. I expect in later years to see J. T. a worker in stone. The Shadow discovered in September could hardly be identified with the J. T. of to-day; the only green thing I see about him is in his golf stockings.

Sometime during the month of October a minim strolling through one of the corridors, discovered a strange vegetable growth in "Bud." He considered it late for such a plant and he brought the bud to the School to be examined at greater length. He found it to be closely related to the *Jack* rose and decided to preserve it. As I look at it to-day, it is still a "bud" retaining much of its original green but never coming to a bloom.

Nullius and a few others were old hands when school opened and I remember well how they tried to crow it over us "greenies," but we soon learned to hold our own and Nullius & Co. are nowhere with us.

Again I raise my eyes from my book, and look into the face of our old friend Frick. At the opening F. had still a large amount of salt in his make-up, but it is being washed away, and when he returns to his Island Home, he will need a new supply.

The Capital of the Province sent a large representation to our school, and some of them have developed considerably. Take Hamy, for example. He can write lines per hundred faster and better than any one of us. Fitz has a reputation to sustain, but he could not hold up his reputation and a head covered with long hair, and together with Didy and J. T. he made a visit to the town a few days ago. The result was initiation into the Round-heads by one of the town's tonsorial artists. But I confess the work was anything but artistic. Methu is working hard for the G. C. prize and he has a fair



chance of getting it.

Only a few remain in which to note a change and we come down to the present time. When Nihil came to us at Xmas he was not by any means verdant and he has proved himself a very good fellow all-round but especially does he excel as a talker. Lockie lost himself in a hay loft before he was sent here and he says he was discovered with great difficulty. It would take him three or four months more to lose the seed. Two young men came from Cuba during the Xmas vacation and although they did not know a word of English: when they came they can now talk like natives, and sing Spanish songs to please every member of the H. T. S.

And our society! I am now writing my last account of H. T. S. for '00-'01. Eight months ago it was started with only a few members, whose purpose it was to make themselves and everyone else miserable. But they soon found out that life at St. J. B. was not as black as it was painted. Today the society is prosperous and the members find life enjoyable and fairly comfortable except when they have the "blues" and when a blue day comes around they start in to attain their first object. I hope H. T. S. will hold a meeting soon, as some of us are afraid the President will abscond with our funds.

The Debating Society closed a successful year at the first meeting in May, and after a review of the year and a very fine debate, it voted itself out of existence.

We are now well along in May and safely on the home-stretch, working away for exams and each one with an eye out for a prize. Who do I think will get the prizes? Well I do not know but I would like one or two myself.

Are we studying hard? Yes, at times. But you should see us sally forth from the Lower Hall after study or class. Baseball is all the rage and it looks as if some of our heads were turned. To see Master Dot set forth carrying the glove but obliged to have the help of Rory and the others in carrying the other gear. Winny carries a bat larger than himself, Scatten has the mask, Frick something else and they are all bound for the diamond. Baseball is everywhere and it is a

good thing that the field is in first class condition.

Cricket has a few votaries, but they are few, and lawn-tennis and croquet are simply out of date and I assure you that our Minims can twirl a ball, swing a bat or run a base with anyone of their size, but we equal, aye and surpass, everyone in *yelling*.

Another sport in which we take great interest is fishing. We send out a delegation every Thursday to the different brooks and streamlets, but we never see any result. The fish know our men to be excellent fishers and keep a respectful distance from our hooks.

I must now shut up my note book for this year, and as vacation is rapidly approaching I wish all my companions a happy and joyous vacation with plenty of baseball, cricket and fishing and at the end of the summer I hope to meet them at the school brown and healthy and ready to enjoy another year as happily as we enjoyed the one about to close.

I wish before closing to ask pardon of my friends and companions if in anyway I have hurt their feelings and I assure them that although I wrote many things to EXCELSIOR during the past few months, many others were passed over, but were nevertheless thoroughly enjoyed by

MOONSHINE.

St. John Baptist School, May 1901.

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#### EXCHANGES.

It is often said that a translation loses a great deal of its force, that no translation is as forcible as the original. On taking up the Normal, we saw a translation "The Mirror and the Pane." We believe that the original has lost none of its force by going through Mr. Smyth's hands. In fact we think that the attempt reflects credit on the translator. There is a moral to be drawn from that little poem. College journals, like that maid, are more or less sensitive. The mirror they use is the exchange column of their sister journals. When they are young they are charming, at least, any little charm

that they may possess draws from us almost unconsciously a laudatory comment; for it is a universal characteristic of human societies to encourage earnest efforts, unless the baser elements of our nature are allowed to hold sway. But if this latter be the case; if prejudice, bigotry, and narrowmindedness rule the nobler qualities prudence, fairness, and broadmindedness, behold the result. We must then have our eyes always open; our judgments always ready; and refuse hearing to most of our surrounding agents. The Normal is a young journal in its second year's growth, although it was born in '93, being thus in a state of torpor longer than any other being that we know of. There is no doubt, but it has lost some of its natural activity during that time. Holding the mirror before it drives it to cosmetics, but these fail to attract after a time.

The Bookman in the *King's College Record*, commencing on a work by J. Wickham Legg called "The Coronation of the Queen," says: "As the King is said to be very conservative of ancient customs, it is more than probable that the ceremony of his crowning, which is announced to take place in June of next year, will be nearly identical with this one here described. Indeed this is substantially the same as the mediæval service given in full in Maskell's '*Monumenta Ritualia Ecclesiae Anglicanae*.' Indeed! And it is not quite too centuries since the Act of Settlement was passed, binding the Sovereign of England to maintain the Protestant Religion, established by Law. We quote the erudite Bookman: "Long before the Conquest we have an account of the crowning of Ethelred by Dunstan, and Mathew Paris gives a full account of the crowning of Richard I." Do you find that either Ethelred or Richard I. had to take an oath binding him to maintain a religion that was proclaimed by the Vicar of Christ to be heretical? If so the coronation ceremonies were then substantially the same as they are now. "The oath," continues the same writer, "abuses no one. The plain spoken repudiation of *Romish* error, which is after all mild in comparison with the denunciations and anathemas of the Council of Trent, the *oath* of the Jesuits et hoc genus omne,

is made at the opening of the first parliament and is not repeated at the Coronation." This savours of the most sublime ignorance regarding everything Catholic. For the much needed information of him who is "among the books" we shall give the Jesuits' vow (not an oath, remember) as translated from a Latin version of Father Ryan in a late issue of the North West Review: "Almighty and eternal God, I, John Smith, Brown, or Jones, though altogether most unworthy in thy divine sight, yet relying on Thy infinite goodness and mercy, and impelled by a desire of serving Thee do, hereby now, before the most Blessed Virgin Mary and the whole heavenly court, to Thy divine majesty perpetual chastity, poverty, and obedience in the Society of Jesus and I promise to enter the same society and spend my life therein, understanding things according to the constitution of said society. I suppliantly implore of Thee, therefore, O my God, by the blood of Jesus Christ, that as in Thy immense goodness and gracious mercy Thou has been pleased to accept this my holocaust, in the odour of sweetness, so Thou wilt grant me abundant grace to fulfil it. Amen." (Signed, etc.)

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### SPORT.

On the 3d inst. the base ball teams of the Sophomores and Freshmen Baseball played a very interesting and exciting game. Up to the last inning the result was in doubt, but by good judgment and clever stick handling the Sophomores won out. Some beautiful catches were made during the game by Callahan, W. B. Gillis and R. McDonald. One of the strongest features in favor of the Sophomores was the ball twirling of Fraser; he time and again succeeded in completely bewildering the opposing batsmen. During the game McRae was presented with a bouquet by his fellow team-men as a token of regard for the services he had rendered his team. Messrs. Rawley and Flynn were treated to fruit for the able and conscientious manner in which they discharged their

arduous duties. The score at the close stood ; Sophomores, 13 ; Freshmen 12. The personnel of the teams was as follows :—

Sophomores.		Freshmen.
J. H. McDonald,	c	G. McSweeney
A. Fraser,	p	H. Hearn
A. Chisholm,	1 b	J. Nulty
M. McCormack,	2 b	J. Callahan
W. B. Gillis,	3 b	A. Hamilton
P. Beaton,	s. s.	R. McDonald
J. Bransfield,	l. f.	L. Matta
A. McNeil,	r. f.	J. Souris
J. McRae,	c. f.	J. Keating

The old rivals, the senior teams of the Town and College met on Victoria Day to once more decide who should have the right to be called champions. The game was delayed for almost an hour owing to the train, on which was one of the town team, being delayed. The College boys were the first to bat and rolled up two runs. This score was tied by the Town in their innings. The College team was shut out in the next inning without a score while the Town scored three runs. The Town did not hold this lead very long and in the sixth inning the score stood seven to eight in favor of the College. In the seventh the 'Varsity added nine runs while the Town was blanked. In the eighth and ninth innings the Town succeeded in adding nine runs to their score while 'Varsity scored two more, thus winning the game. Score, 'Varsity 18, Town 16. From the size of the score one would be apt to judge that the game was a poor one, but not so, it being characterized by many fine plays, notably the catch of Smith at 3rd base when he succeeded in putting Munroe out, also the work of Munroe behind the bat. Both Rawley and Bernasconi pitched a faultless game. Unfortunately a dispute marred the game, having arisen from a decision of the umpire who gave Rawley safe at first while the Town baseman claimed he was out. The difficulty was finally settled and the game proceeded without further incident. The decisions

of the umpire were often disputed by the Town, who if they had known the rules properly would not have done so, for where "ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise." The personnel of the teams was as follows: —

Town.		College.
E. Munroc,	c	E. P. Power
P. Bernasconi,	p	W. P. Rawley
C. MacGillivray,	1 b	J. McNeil
M. Mahoney,	2 b	T. Flynn
R. St. John McDonald,	3 b	J. Smith
C. McKinmon,	s. s.	A. Fraser
R. McPhie,	l. f.	H. B. Gillis
H. MacGillivray,	c. f.	S. Campbell
A. Bernasconi,	r. f.	J. Nulty

Quite a number of the students have taken to the silent steed and every evening may be seen pedaling out the roads, which surround our pretty town, in search of scenery or as a mere pastime. So far we have not heard of any serious accidents although there have been a few *mighty* spills.

Cricket has once more appeared on the green. A few exponents of this branch of sport thought it would be a good thing if this fine game were revived in the College. Judging from the interest which all are taking in the game we feel confident that in due time cricket will be a recognized branch of sport in the University.

Much interest is evinced in the putting of the shot and throwing the hammer. If the inter-collegiate games proposed by the University of Dalhousie come off next fall we hope to be able to send a few candidates for the hammer and shot contests.

Once again we have to let our tennis gear lie in its box for the want of suitable grounds. That this is deplorable cannot be denied and we sincerely hope that before next fall some provision will be made for the obtaining of a suitable spot for this game which is one that can be enjoyed by all.

## ON THE HOP.

Frankie cease that croaking : it has stopped my clock.

Nick's nerves were so upset that he took a tumble.

Alex. wants the *time* from Ladysmith.

Archie, my boy, never abuse the white flag to beckon *with*.

Duncan is still dodging the microbe, while Hugh A. holds it fast.

Parney's whistle works well since he got it repaired.

Hop Editor sympathizes with Tom in the loss of a friend.

J. C. came *out* first in chemistry.

McN.'s dread for the 20 *skeptr* caused havoc in his cranium.

Notice—My trick riding exhibitions on St. Ninian's street are not intended for passers-by alone—Chut.

Billy, how's buttermilk on the hill?

Dolf was not dead but sleeping.

Chut was not shy but *broached* the subject like a man.

There was no solutions made in Freshman Chemistry Exam.

Hop Editor takes great pleasure in recording the improvement in M. since his last visit to Murray's. You didn't lose much, Mike.

Simple Simon met a pieman,  
 Going to the fair,  
 Said Simple Simon to the pieman  
 I see you cut your hair.

J.—In his reminiscences of his childhood J. C. forgot his mother's slipper. N.—Yes, it slipped his mind.

We hear that Mac has been appointed to the police force. Now that's the clear McInnis.

The alarm clock started to see Hugh B. at 4 a. m.

Despite the earliness of the season R——ley has donned his *yachting* suit.

J. J. McK. has got the N  $\frac{H}{3}$ —N.

Jack, how's your knee.

You (k) need not ask——B—r—r—



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