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WHAT POWER SHOULD PARLIAMENT HAVE?

HISTORY OF THE PARLIAMENT

Need of a Unifying Force Felt Among the Different Colleges

ORGANISED IN 1905

Membership Gradually Decreased—Present Make-Up and Relation to Student Activities

The history of the Students Parliament dates back from the fall term of 1905 when a suggestion emanated from J. P. McLean, B.A., lecturer on Public Speaking that some effort should be made to provide a common meeting-ground where men from all the affiliated colleges could assemble and discuss topics of general interest. In such a cosmopolitan institution as the University of Toronto great need for a unity of feeling or purpose was felt which was to counteract the many decentralising tendencies inevitably making themselves felt, accordingly the Students' Parliament the membership of which embraced all the students was organised. The meetings took the nature of a debate on some question which at that time was prominent in either Dominion or Provincial politics. On one occasion the immigration policy of the Liberal Government formed the subject of debate and such leading men as Hon. R. L. Borden and Hon. J. J. Foy were among those who were present and took

Before long however interest which at first was intense over this new protege of student activities began to wane. The attendance began to diminish and in a short while the main item of business became the passing of resolutions. It was soon realised that the basis of membership was not a practical one, there being either too many present thus making it unwieldly or too few thus making it unrepresentative.

The next step in the evolutionary process was that which was brought about during 1906-7, at which time the University Act was passed. A new system of representation was adopted in which the number of members elected from each faculty was 5% of the number of men registered in that faculty. The different colleges represented were, University, S.P.S., Meds., Knox, Victoria, Wycliffe, Trinity and Dents. From these members was elected an Executive Committee composed of one man from each college chosen by his fellow representatives. The usual offices President, Secretary, etc., were filled by members of the Parliament with the exception of that of President which was filled by one of the Faculty. The same purpose was kept in view with perhaps a greater attention directed towards matters of strictly University interest. This step towards a closer union of the students in their activities and the Parliament was greatly facilitated by the creation of the above Executive Com-

Now arose the problem of student discipline, hitherto wholly controlled by organisations of exclusively academic members, and a request was made by the Parliament to the Board of Governors to recognise its Executive Committee as a body to act for the undergrads until a scheme regarding student control of discipline had been evolved. This the Board of Governors consented to pending the adoption or rejection of a more detailed scheme.

Further history of the Parliament leads us down to the organisation as it exists to-day. The representation from the several colleges and faculties has been reduced from 5% to 3% of the men registered making the membership now 21. The different years in a four-year course send the representatives according to the following plan: fourth year 40%, third

AN issue is about to be put before the undergraduate body of the University of Toronto the importance of which will probably not be realized until the history of the next decade has unfolded itself. The students of Toronto will have to make a decision which, right or wrong, will be largely instrumental in moulding the destiny of the Parliament that controls the men of the University.

The Undergraduates' Parliament has long felt that it does not occupy the position in relation to the student body and the various student organizations that it should and might. Two defects in particular have forced themselves on the notice of the members of the present Parliament and for each of these they have evolved a remedy.

It has become apparent to many undergraduates that the Undergraduates' Parliament is not representative of the men of the University in the truest sense of the word and to no class of students has this unfortunate state of affairs been more obvious than to the various representatives who make up the parliament. The cause of this defect is not hard to find. It lies in the lax methods of electing members to the Parliament that have sufficed in the past. It is common property that many of the men in each electoral division do not even know who represents them in the Parliament. It is not so well known that a freshman in the class of '11 was a member of the Parliament for a whole term and did not know it. However, conditions in this respect are so well known as to make further examples superfluous.

The remedy proposed by the Parliament is as simple as the defect is obvious. The elections which are to be held on March 6th will be advertised in such a way that no man can fail to know exactly when and where he is to cast his ballot. As soon as the nominations are all in the hands of the secretary they will be announced in these columns so that every man may have time to consider who he thinks is the best nominee in his constituency. Thus the members returned are bound to be representative.

Another, though less serious, fault in the relation between the Parliament and the men whom it represents is the fact that grave confusion has arisen with respect to the assertion of disciplinary power. Disciplinary authority in the University is vested in the Caput by the University Act but it is provided that the Board of Governors may at its own discretion hand over these powers to any representative body of Students. In practice the Caput has shown itself willing to give over this power of discipline to the Undergraduates' Parliament and in many cases this has actually been done. The confusion arises out of the fact that the Parliament has never been authorized by the men of the University of Toronto to accept such authority. Consequently the Parliament is likely to find itself in a very delicate position at any time.

To obviate the possibility of such a state of affairs the Parliament has decided to place the matter before the students in the form of a referendum at the same time that the elections for the Parliament are being held. The question will probably be asked in this way. "Do you believe that disciplinary power over the students of the University should be in the hands of the Undergraduate Parliament?"

It will be readily seen that these two innovations, namely, a new system of elections and the referendum are interdependent for a Parliament accepting such grave responsibilities as the Board of Governors is willing to give it (providing the outcome of the referendum warrants such a course) must be a truly representative one. By remodelling the system of elections the present Parliament has done its share towards bringing about this end, by delegating large authority the Board of Governors has made the honor of being elected to the Parliament a high one. The rest lies with the men of the University. By intelligent and serious use of his franchise every undergraduate must do his share toward making the next Parliament a representative body and one worthy of accepting and capable of properly using the broadest power over the students.

There is another and most important reason why the coming Parliament should be a recognized authority among the students. In a very short time the new Students' Union will be completed and it is absolutely essential that the Undergraduates' Parliament should be the united head of an united body of students in order that they may take over the affairs of this new building and develop the possibilities of the future Union in the best interests of the University.

The Parliament is trying to remodel itself, the Caput is glad to help, The Varsity is doing its share in putting all the facts before you. YOU must do the rest by voting intelligently on the Referendum and by seeing that the best and worthiest men are niomnated and elected to the coming Parliament.

year 30%, second year 20%, and first 10%.

The officers are President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Secretary of Committee, Treasurer and Representative on Musical Organisations. All of these with the exception of President are filled by student members. The Executive Committee is composed of the President and one member from each college or faculty. Instead however of the student members of the Committee being chosen by their fellow members, they are elected by the representative society of their college or faculty.

The Parliament at present numbers among the organisations it has under its control, Torontonensis, the Glee Club, the Varsity, the Union and Theatre Night.

Reports regarding Torontonensis must be made by the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager at least once a month during the academic year and the Executive of the Parliament deals as they see fit with these reports subject to the approval of the Parliament. All financial responsibility in connection with Torontonensis rests with the Parliament and all net profits arising from it are divided equally among the Parliament, the Editor-in-Chief and the Business Manager.

In regard to the Glee Club the officers are required to enter into a written agreement with the Parliament. The Busines Manager renders an account to the Parliament of all monies received from the concert and all profits arising from con-

certs become the property of the Parliament to be used for the purposes of each individual organization.

The Executive of the Parliament have it within their powers to dispense with the services of the Business Manager or Secre-

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Elections to the Parliament are to be held on March 6, nominations one week earlier, February 29. Nominations to be made in writing to the Secretary, H. W. Lyons, Knox College, signed by one nominator and one seconder.

The representatives are distributed as follows:
University College: 4th year 1; 3rd

year 1; 2nd year 1; 1st year 1.

Applied Science: same a above.

Medicine: 4th and 5th together 1;

3rd 1; 2nd 1; 1st, 1.,,
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1; 1st and 2nd together 1.
Trinity, Knox, Wycliffe, Forestry,

Education, each 1.

Where a joint representative is to be elected, the present years make the choice at this election. In all other cases the incoming years are meant. A bye-election for 1st year represen-

tatives will be held in the fall term.

The referendum will be held on March 6, election day.

CAPUT CONTROLS DISCIPLINE

But is Willing to Delegate Power to Representative Student Body

The University Act gives supreme power to the Caput to maintain discipline or to delegate that power to any governing body of the University.

The Caput is composed of the President of the University who is Chairman, the Principal of University College, the heads of Federated Universities and Colleges, and the Deans of the Faculties. Five members constitute a quorum.

Ss. 94-100 provide for the maintenance of discipline and the control of College Associations. Responsibility for and disciplinary jurisdiction over the conduct of students is vested in the Council of University College or the governing bodies of the Federated Colleges in regard to matters occurring in their respective buildings, grounds or residences. Similar powers are granted to the Councils of such Faculties as have separate buildings assigned for their use.

In all other cases, such authority is vested in the Caput, which also determines jurisdiction in case of dispute. The Caput also may delegate its authority in any particular case or by any general regula-

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MANY PROBLEMS TO SOLVE

Incoming Parliament Will Have Important Duties

FINANCES IMPORTANT

General Question of Continuity,
Permanent Secretary, "The
Varsity," and Other
Problems

Changes in University life and alterations in the constitution of the Parliament have brought about certain new conditions which must be met by the members of the Undergraduates' Parliament in the coming year.

One of the main issues, and perhaps the most pressing, is that of finances. At no period in its history has the undergraduate body been particularly opulent, but the year 1912 finds an unusually pressing stringency.

There are those who maintain that a financial success is all that is necessary to make the Parliament as strong as any one would want it to be. A prestige, a grip on the undergraduate body, would without doubt be the main desirable accompaniment of a fairly large central fund. It is quite evident that there are numerous ways in which money can be used, but a recital of the most urgent requirements will show that a constant and permanent income is something which the undergraduates should endeavor to place in the control of its representative body without delay.

In the first place, and above all, it is absurd that the students of the University as a whole should not be in such a position that they cannot respond to any emergency when funds have been necessary. There has been in the past, and doubtless there will be in the future, a good deal of discussion over the settlement of liabilities connected with student celebrations, and while we do not anticipate any trouble of this kind, it is only right that the Parliament should have money, and power to hand over at any time whatever sum is necessary for the adjustment of claims against the student body.

But it is because of what might be done which is not done at present, that we should have a central fund of fair proportions. The students should be in a position to invite guests, show appreciation of the attentions of great men or bodies, and make improvements in their own machinery, with a greater degree of assurance than now.

More money means more self-expression. Why should we have to hesitate to place our undergraduate publications upon a proper footing, why be harrassed with the worries of a splendid organization such as the Glee Club when money in the hands of a central body would insure against failure of such an enterprise for financial reasons? A very promising orchestra went to pieces in our midst a couple of years ago for the simple reason that backing in a period of stress was not to be had. In all probability, had funds been available, there would be to-day in our midst a musical organization which would reflect credit on the name of our University.

A good amateur production at the time of Theatre Night is a crying need of the University, but cannot be fulfilled until a good financial support is assured. A University Dinner, to replace several of the less successful functions now undertaken, is dependent, in the last analysis, upon a good central fund, which, unfortunately does not exist.

To secure continuity in its work and to relieve the undergraduates of heavy business duties which should be handled with the highest efficiency, a permanent Business Manager is needed. His duties would embrace the affairs of The Varsity, Torontonensis, the present Union, Theatre

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ORGANISATION

If one excepts athletics, and considers the general modus operandi of student activities at Toronto, one cannot but be struck by the hap-hazard, hit-and-miss method, or rather lack of method, of controlling these activities. The result everyone is familiar with, but only a few have interested themselves sufficiently to find a cause. To us, at least, it seems that the lack of interest in the non-academic activities of the undergraduates, and the generally unsatisfactory condition of them, is due very largely to lack of adequate organisation.

Let us take, for example, Dramatics. There is a Women's Dramatic Society. which is, and for some time has been, excellent. But for the men, dramatic activity, beyond a few French and German plays in University College, is practically confined to our annual Theatre Night, which beyond filling the coffers of the Undergraduates' Parliament, has no usefulness that we can see. A play presented by undergraduates would have far more interest for the student body than any play at the Royal Alexandra, to which any one may go at any time. Besides that, it would help to develop a better idea of criticism among the undergraduates generally than is at present possible, and would be of inestimable benefit to those who possess sufficient histrionic talent to win a place on the boards. But the present method of having any organisation to be carried out by a few interested individuals "on chance" practically precludes the possibility of any such development of dramatics. More organisation is absolutely necessary.

In debating and oratory, too, there is great need for more thorough organization. What a lamentably small proportion of undergraduates have ever made any attempt at public speaking! There must be many men in the University who would make excellent speakers, if they could be encouraged and persuaded to make a start. The present system of selecting representatives for the inter-college and inter-University contests is very unsatisfactory, undoubtedly because of lack of adequate machinery by which the best speakers can be selected.

The same lack of system prevails in Music. There is an excellent Glee Club, and several college organisations of a similar nature, which are all that could be desired; but the instrumental side of music is practically neglected, though there is plenty of first-class material in the University. McGill has a mandolin club; other Universities have orchestras and mandolin, guitar, and banjo clubs. There are enough players, and lovers of music, in the University to ensure the success of such organisations, if properly managed; but the organisation is left to individual enterprise, and it is not surprising that with no encouragement such organisations prove very ephemeral, or never come into existence at all.

And in what is perhaps most important of all—the expression of University opinion—the same condition of affairs exists. In theory, "The Varsity" is the mouthpiece of the student body. In practice, under the present system it can only be the means of making known the opinions of a few —a very few—men, who are to a very slight degree responsible to anyone, except for financial matters, and who cannot, try as they may, satisfactorily guage and express the general sentiment of the University.

The whole circle of "outside" activities of the undergraduates needs a thorough overhanding. It needs even more; it needs revolution. The present state of things is impossible.

History of The Parliament

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tary-Treasurer should such seem fit to

In regard to the Varsity, the Editor-in-Chief, Business Manager and President of the Parliament appoint the new Editorin-Chief, Business Manager and Associate Editors.

The Business Manager signs an agreement with the Parliament to the effect that the paper will be brought out and financed in a suitable manner. All standing profits at the end of the year are divided thus: 20% to the Editor-in-Chief and Business Manager, each 15% to each of Managing Editors, 10% to the Associate Editor, and 20% to the Parliament.

In the case of the Union the Parliament appoints a Secretary who receives a salary of \$100. All financial responsibility rests with the Parliament, the receipts arising from membership fees.

From the origin of this body it will be seen that there are certain precedents and associations connected with the Parliament which are items that tend to minimize business efficiency, and the Parliament has suffered, all through its career from just these same precedents—the tendency of members to "orate" and the insufficient study of the business details of measures coming before he body—are two illustrations. Our houses of parliament either at Ottawa or Toronto do not give results that compare with the amount of work involved, and the Parliament of the Undergraduates is no exception.

Another great defect in the Parliament, is its lack of financial support. In the beginning it had no yearly income and no field from which to obtain the same. The first expenses were met by voluntary contributions by the members themselves, and ever since that collection it has been one continual fight to keep the wolf from the door. It was this fight for money that led the Parliament into the purchase of artistically designed and correctly colored royal blue and white rugs. However these did not sell well among the students or graduates, because it meant remodelling the house to suit the rug. The University Orchestra is another such venture, financed in the beginning as a possible source of revenue, but which returned nothing but debts to the treasury. Of course, not all the ventures of the Parliament went astray; fortunately some came back laden with the necessaries of

But the point is just here, that instead of being able to devote its time to the solving of student problems, the Parliament has had all its energies sapped by this fight for life. Now then this unequal fight for life plus progress, cannot continue if the Parliament is expected to be an efficient organization.

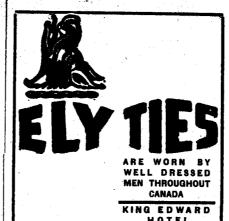
Sometimes the Parliament is criticized for not having made more progress during its existence, but those who criticize thus have never considered the almost impossible business conditions under which this organization has had to work. With an entirely new and inexperienced executive coming into office each year, with a new and entirely inexperienced set of officers controlling its different ventures, there could be no business continuity whatever. Furthermore this yearly change of executive means a yearly change of aim and the result is that in the Parliament there has been no continuity of purpose. This constant change of policy is the most serious defect, in the whole make up of the Parlia-

With continuity either in business or purpose, the Parliament might have overcome most of its other difficulties. Continuity is the key to the situation.

This lack of continuity is evinced again in the laxity of some of the Parliament's business arrangements with the bodies which it controls. Business arrangements have been entered into which are very detrimental to the Parliament while if an experienced advisory board had been created undoubtedly the members would have been able to avoid one sided agreements.

With its unwieldy representation of 3 per cent, as mentioned above, what was every persons business became only the business of the executive. The executive found it had to condense all matters coming before the Parliament in order to save time, and gradually the executive absorbed power, and the Parliament as a body, which had now no responsibility dissolved into nothingness. This is where the interest in the doings of the Parliament began to wane, for naturally it had lost its function in this process of spoon feeding.

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the matter was referred to the Barliament, as the central student organization, and since then other questions of discipline have been referred to it for adjustment. On the first occasion and also in subsequent eases, the executive of the Parliament assumed the responsibility and acted on its own initative, without referring the question of student government to the student body, consequently it has never received the moral support which it ought to have had. The contention is that the students have never sanctioned this step and the point seems well taken.

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Many Problems to Solve

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Night and the Glee Club. Undergraduates' time is being encroached upon badly enough with the responsibilities of one side of these institutions, let alone severe business duties which these organizations carry with them. The appointment of such a Manager is obviously impossible unless Parliament is assured a regular income of at least a thousand dollars a year. The affairs of The Varsity and Torontonensis are so involved as to warrant a special article on the subject, which will appear in these columns shortly. Suffice it to say that "The Varsity" offers opportunities for development which are simply wonderful. On the other hand without proper finances, the paper could become almost an impediment to our pro-

Just how these finances are to be provided will have to be decided immediately. There are several ways, the most direct of which is to place a fee on every man in the University for the upkeep of the common government. The easiest alternative would be to strengthen present money making functions into a greater degree of profitableness. This, of course is more easily said than done.

Another matter which will engage the attention of the Parliament during the coming year is that of representation and elections. It is felt in some quarters that the relation of the faculty societies to the Parliament is not as clearly defined or as representative as might be. In any case, the elections should be conducted with a great deal more openness and interest, as against the past method of comparative quiet and lack of enthusiasm over the issues involved.

The matter of responsibility will, of course, depend on the answer which the undergraduates return to the question which is to be put to them by the Parliament on March 6.

This is an issue which will involve the most earnest discussion of a host of elements. The Varsity will publish letters on the subject in the next number. There are two main courses open to the student

(1) To accept no responsibility for the maintenance of discipline in the University, but to repose it all in the Caput.

(2) To accept responsibility and exercise authority subject to the veto of the

A development of this latter plan might ultimately result in the Parliament's controlling absolutely the affairs and conduct of the student body.

The new Parliament wlll have to be a group of men who have large vision, keen minds, a thorough knowledge of student affairs and courage to carry out the decisions to which they come.

The Varsity is more than anxious to place the issue clearly before the minds of all undergraduates. As this question is by far the most vital in the University at the present time the news of this paper will be condensed and space given to correspondence.

Questions will receive the utmost care, and every effort will be made to give the fullest publicity to all shades of opinion.

ST. HILDA'S DANCE

St. Hilda's was en fete on Monday when the annual dance given by the third year in honor of the graduating class.

The hall was prettily decorated in grey and blue. The students rooms were open and supper was served in them,

Miss Cartwright and Miss Harrington received the guests to the number of two hundred and fifty.

SCIENCE Y.M.C.A. DINNER

The annual dinner of the Applied Science Y.M.C.A. came off Tuesday evening at Williams Cafe and was greatly enjoyed by those present. The program of singing and speeches was exceptionally fine, and the executive are to be congratulated on the success of the event. The president, Mr. M. Kirkwood was master of ceremonies, and in the chairman's address reviewed the progress that had been

made during the year in Y.M.C.A, work, The Science Quartette, of Messrs. Fancher, Skinner, Foote, and Michler rendered some excellent music during the evening, and were much appreciated by

The gathering dispersed with God save the king and a rousing Toike Oike.

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Indoor Track Meet 4.15.

Remember the First Annual Medical Daffodil Night in Convocation Hall on March 4 at 8 p.m.

Meeting of women and men of University in Wycliffe Convocation Hall, Sunday at 7 to be addressed by Miss Rouse.

There will be an important meeting of the Parliament on Monday at 4.30 in the Senate Chamber.

Don't forget the Ontario amateur competition in figure and fancy skating at Varsity Rink to-night. It will be worth

Next Tuesday, February 27, O.A.C. and Dents will play off for the Sifton Cup. All faculties should be out to help Dents

The hockey match which was to have been played between St. Hilda's and University College on Saturday morning will take place this (Friday) afternoon at 4 p.m. at Varsity rink.

Sunday next February 25 will be the last Sunday on which the College Sermon will be preached in Wycliffe Hall. The speaker for that date is Dr. J. Balcom Shaw of Chicago.

On Monday, February 26 at 4 p.m. in the East Hall the Modern Language Club will present the Italian comedy "Lumie di Sicilia" and the Spanish Comedy "Los Pantalones."

On Saturday, February 24th, at 8 o'clock, p.m., Major McColl of the G.G. B.G. will address "The Speakers' Club" in the Y.M.C.A. building. The subject of the address will be "Military service is essential to full citizenship."

The "Old Lit." Party will hold an important caucaus this fternoon in room 11 from 4.30 to 6 o'clock. Mr. H. C. Hindmarsh, the presidential candidate, Mr. N. J. McLarty and others will speak. At 4 o'clock the first, second and third year men will meet to nominate their candidates; the first year in room 27, the second in room 13 and the third in room 11.

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KNOX ATHLETIC DINNER

A dinner was given by the Knox College Athletic Association Wednesday night, Abour one hundred students and nearly all the professors thoroughtly enjoyed themselves.

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PHYSICS SEMINAR

At the Physics Seminar on Thursday afternoon last, Prof. McLennan, in the opening paper, gave a brief outline of an article by A. Cotton in a recent issue of Le Radium, in which are published some suggestions offered by the late Professor Ritz as to the elaboration of the simpler theory given by Lorentz to include both the negative and the positive cases of the Zeeman effect in gases. Ritz' ingenious conception of the underlying physical phenomena opens up an extensive field for future work.

A paper on "The Adherence of Flat Surfaces" was next reviewed by Mr. McTaggart. In this it was shewn that the presence of a thin intervening film of moisture was always necessary before adhesion resisting a measurable force could be procured; but, that in some cases the tensile strength of the liquid film was sufficient to resist a pull of many atmospheres; and that, indeed, the metal itself would at times be broken away and adhere to the opposite face. Instances of this phenomenan in work with gauges and optical test plates were mentioned.

Mr. Easton next gave a very clear and interesting summary of some experiments with liquid vortex rings described in Nature, February 1. The manner of production and the characteristics observed were brought out in an admirable

The final paper was given by Mr. Pound and dealt with observations on Photo-electric fatigue involved in the action of ultraviolet light on zinc and aluminium plates under varying conditions.

At the conclusion of the Seminar some novel experiments were shewn, bearing on the laws involved in the production of baseball curves,

U. C. GRADUATING DINNER

"Eat, Drink and Be Merry" is the motto of the University College graduating class for Monday evening. The occasion is the graduating dinner which will take place at McConkey's Restaurant at 7.30. Among the speakers will be Sir Allen Aylesworth, John A. Paterson, K.C., President Falconer and Principal

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Won by Dents-Final Game will be Between Dents and O.A.C.

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The Dents must have applied the freezing solution at half time to the Vic. men for they were a frozen out lot of men as far as baskets were concerned during the second half. Play had been resumed but seven seconds when the Dents scored a basket and from that time on they kept scoring to the end, finally winning by 26 to 13.

Mel Brock as referee, handled the game

BOXING AND WRESTLING

The Intercollegiate Boxing, Wrestling and Fencing championships will be held at the Gym, to-morrow at 2.30 and 8 p.m. Varsity is certain of making a good showing and her chances of getting away with most of the events are better than ever before. Barring accidents or world- beaters among the Queens and McGill representatives, Mutch and Davison are practically sure of the 135 and 145 lb. class. D. J. Sutherland the 158 lb. champion is a rangy chap with a great reach and a style of fighting that is hard to solve. His hard-earned victories over Mulqueen and Levy entitle him to no little respect.

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In the fencing two contestants will compete from each University. Montgomery, this year's champion and either Hal Gordon, who came second this year or Bert Alley, last year's champion will represent Varsity.

WOMEN'S DRAMATIC CLUB

The members of the Women's Dramatic Club are hard at work rehearsing for their performance of "Much Ado About Nothing." The play will be given in Convocation Hall on March 8th.

Last year the comedy chosen was 'As You Like It" and the performance was given at the Margaret Eaton School. It was one of the most enjoyable evenings of the season, since people went prepared to make certain allowances for an amateur performance and departed, quite amazed at the literary ability and professional finish of the whole production.

This year 'Much Ado About Nothing' should be even more successful, given as it will be in the larger auditorium of Convocation Hall. The caste will be:

Don Pedro, Miss Carson; Don John, Miss Smillie; Claudio, Miss Tuthill; Benedick, Miss Burris; Leonato, Miss Farley; Antonio, Miss O'Connor; Balthasar, Miss Gillies; Conrade, Miss Todd; Borachio, Miss Clark; Friar Francis, Miss Wheeler; Dogberry, Miss McLelland; Verges, Miss Austin; Sexton, Miss Halford; Deabole, Miss Madison; Hero, Miss DeLaporte; Beatrice, Miss Buckley; Margaret Miss Connell; Ursula, Miss Wilson.

TRINITY GLEE CLUB

On the evening of February 15th, in the Convocation Hall, Trinity College Glee Club attained the greatest triumph of its history. The audience was a notable one, both in numbers and in its critical character, and the enthusiasm evident throughout the evening was only a just tribute to the excellent work of the entertainers and the zeal and ability of their conductor Mr. Francis H. Coombes.

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