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## Editorial Comments.



OUR undergraduates are not responding creditably to the requests of the gymnasium committee. Down town the work of subscription getting is progressing fully as favorably as could be expected, but in our own midst, where the best results were looked for, very little has

been accomplished. In the upper years there might possibly be found some palliation for such a state of affairs, but in the lower years there can be none whatever.

This fact is both discouraging and hampering to the committee. Never in our history, we venture to state, has a committee displayed more persevering energy and tireless effort than the one to whom the gymnasium interests have been entrusted. From the president down the members have pushed the work with a self-sacrifice that must deserve our warmest commendation. Obstacles, in many cases almost insurmountable, have been dealt with efficiently and satisfactorily, until they have put before us a tangible scheme and a reasonable request. But we, while according them the highest praise for their efforts, are deplorably slow in doing the one thing without which those efforts must produce not healthful fruit but veritable Dead Sea apples.

We have said that nothing unreasonable is asked of the students. The amount required from each of us is not sufficient to embarrass our purses. The man who when he can afford to contribute is unwilling to do so surely cannot exist in our college atmosphere, but if he does we have nothing to say concerning him; he is a species which our vocabulary of disagreeable epithets does not include. The man who honestly cannot afford it deserves and receives our consideration and respect. Not a single unkind word will be uttered to his deprecation. We do not think, however, that any student who is really unable to contribute will be pressed to do so, albeit the fact that the editorial exchequer has suffered an onslaught might incline us to hold the contrary opinion. Surely, however, those of us who have not any superfluity of means could mortify some of our pet extravagances sufficiently to enable us to do our share in this important matter. And that it is important there is no need of our amplifying, for we all recognize not the importance but we might say the necessity of having our gymnasium properly equipped.

We wish accordingly to appeal to our students on the grounds alike of generosity, justice and expediency. To our seniors, who will not reap the actual returns of their outlay, we appeal in remembrance of what good we have derived from our course in other respects, in regret for the lack of the virile influences of the gymnasium, and also on the grounds not yet untenable, we hope, of doing good unto others. To the men of the other years we appeal on these grounds and also on the grounds of casting their bread on the water and having it float back to them in

hunks of buns, which if not philanthropic is at least a practical view of the question. It is then absolutely necessary that our undergraduates do their duty in this matter. The expense is large and we must provide for it adequately, which can easily be done by making our subscription as large as our means will allow. Moreover, let us do our part willingly and cheerfully, and not as if we were conferring an overwhelming favor on the person soliciting our subscription. If we do this we shall first and last be consulting our own interests; we shall practically forward a laudable project; and we shall feel the warm heart-glow of satisfaction which comes even to the most unselfish and unassuming from the consciousness of a good deed done.

We have received an open communication touching the Public Debate on which we wish to make a few comments. The letter comes from one whose words demand our respectful consideration, and runs as follows:—

*To the Editor of THE VARSITY:—*

DEAR SIR,—As an ex-President of the Society I was greatly disappointed at the behavior of some of its members at the Public Meeting last night, to which I had the honor of being invited.

I noticed more starched shirts and white "chokers" than in my day, but I missed the old-fashioned gentlemanly treatment that guests have a right to expect at the hands of their hosts. The members, I regret to say, paid no regard to the Chairman—a past President and a Don of the College. They paid less respect to the President, scarcely a word of whose interesting address could be heard where I sat. They insulted the essayist whom they had asked to speak on the occasion, and grossly offended many of the ladies as they entered the hall! At this stage I left.

We were not saints in our day nor do I care to moralize, but such proceedings do the Society and the College a great deal of harm, and if order cannot be preserved at these meetings I would suggest their suppression or the *hose*. Yours etc.,

FRED. F. MANLEY.

In the first place let us point out the mistake into which the writer may possibly have fallen. In all our playful cheerfulness we intend no disrespect to anyone, and least of all to the Chairman or the President. The present incumbent of the presidency, we venture to state, is, if not the most popular and respected the Society has ever sat under—as we believe he is—at least not a whit less popular and respected than any of his predecessors. Ample proof of this may be found at any time in our regular meetings or in private conversations among the members, and as a particular case we need only refer to his inaugural address at our first meeting, when the students veritably hung on every word he uttered. Again, we did not intend to insult the essayist, and we hope the essayist did not regard our conduct in that light. To be selected to write the paper for this occasion is always considered an honor, and we do not consider we dim it by the encouragement we give him from time to time. Nor, finally, did we mean to offend any of the ladies entering the hall.

We have stated the case as it appears to us who know the inner reality of the proceedings and the Society's heart of hearts, but it remains for us to point out that Mr.

Manley's view is likely to occur to an outsider and that his interpretation is neither forced nor sophistical.

Had the writer remained for the debate he would have heard what we consider good healthful interjections from the back of the hall. The students were exactly in proper trim for enlivening the proceedings by their attention to the speakers, and this we honestly believe to be in every way beneficial. It affords an exceptionally valuable training to the debater, whom it neither offends nor disconcerts but rather encourages; and it prevents any possible feeling of *ennui* on the part of the audience. We think a proper mean was observed, and hope this mean will not be departed from to go either to the excess or to the defect. This fact will be felt, if we mistake not, by our guests as well as by ourselves. Of some other stages in the proceedings, however, this much cannot be securely affirmed. The President's address was delivered when many people were still entering the hall, which effectually precluded those in the remote half of the hall from hearing; but this need not have prevented us from permitting our guests in front from enjoying a really superior inaugural. Much the same could be said touching Mr. Brown's essay. It is quite possible that we did unintentionally give offence to some of the ladies, and it would probably be well to avoid the recurrence of such a deplorable event in the future. For the students themselves who were honored by ladies' company and still came late we have not a great deal of sympathy, but for the sake of others and of the ladies themselves we are forced to protest.

Let us therefore retain the good features of our merriment but try and restrain our hilarity when it approaches boisterousness, and shows the very appearance of being even in the least degree less gentlemanly than is consistent with our enviable position as inmates of the very halls where culture herself is supposed to dwell in form almost divine.

On several occasions lately we have been hampered by our inability to refer to back numbers of our paper. We wish accordingly to appeal to the sympathy of our old subscribers who may have issues of earlier years which they would not seriously object to parting with to aid us in completing a file. Any numbers forwarded to the office will be very gratefully received.

#### A LAMENT.

It was in the mild month of September  
That down by the dim lake we stroll'd,  
When the sun burn'd above like an ember,  
And the maples were crimson and gold,  
And the waters were purple and gold.  
Ah, clearly I still can remember  
How he sought his young heart to unfold,  
'Neath the leaves of that lurid September,  
In the tale of deep love that he told.

But now by the dim lake there lieth  
No garland of leaves on the shore,  
No zephyr her symphony sigheth,  
But the wind sweeps with pitiless roar,  
And the wave sweeps with ponderous roar;  
While the maple, uncomforted, crieth  
And wringeth her hands on the shore,  
For her roots wrap the grave where he lieth  
With the tale he may tell never more—  
With the tale that nor liveth nor dieth  
Till he rise from that wild, wintry shore.

JAS. A. TUCKER.

#### TECHNICAL EDUCATION OF HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

In view of the various changes which have during the past four years been introduced into the training of our High School teachers, a consideration of the aims and efficiency of the system may not be ill-timed. The teaching profession claims a larger number of our graduates than any other profession, and bids fair to rank at the head of the professions owing to the importance of the work it accomplishes. To argue that teachers require a technical education would seem needless but for the widespread belief that knowledge is all that is necessary to make a teacher. True, the ordinary graduate is better fitted without a technical education to teach than to practise law. To the fact that a graduate has acquired in his course the instrument with which he practises his profession as a teacher must be attributed the common opinion that he needs no further training. A moment's consideration, however, will show the absurdity of this view. A graduate is provided with knowledge which is the instrument of education, but he is not acquainted with the methods of using it nor with human mind, which is the subject of education. Let us take an analogous case. We would have no hesitancy in saying that a chemist who understands thoroughly the composition and mixing of drugs which are the instruments of medicine, should not be allowed to practice medicine until he had acquired a knowledge of the method of using them and a knowledge of the human body which is the subject of medicine. Why then should we wish a man similarly equipped for teaching to attempt to train the mind.

The efficiency of our School of Pedagogy must then be judged by the measure of success attending the efforts of its teachers to furnish students with a knowledge of methods and applied Psychology. To estimate the results by the efficiency of its graduates is, however, not a good test. The comparative efficiency of its graduates may show simply that it is a good detective agency for discovering those who by reason of their education and nature are teachers, and it must be confessed that a consideration of the methods employed in the school tempts one to take this view of it.

The opinion of the students themselves ought not to be an unfair test, were it not for the fact that when once a student has graduated from the school his opinion regarding it changes. The result is that while the students, with the exception of those holding first-class certificates grade C, are almost unanimous in their condemnation of the system employed, the teachers throughout the Province are almost as unanimous in favor of the school. But it is not improbable that teachers, seeing that it acts as a bar to the profession and that it tends to keep the number of teachers limited, are in favor of it or some other system of training which will achieve the same results, while those in attendance who are not prejudiced in this way find it inadequate to give them the training they require. Judged by this standard the school is by no means a success.

The changes which have from time to time been introduced indicate a consciousness on the part of the Educational authorities that their system is by no means perfect, and leads us to suspect that the present system is also inefficient, especially since many of the changes in no way contribute to the efficiency of the school. Many objectionable features have been removed as well as many excellent ones; the attempt to teach writing was worse than useless, while the elimination from the curriculum of gymnastic training in a good city gymnasium is much to be regretted.

In one instance more is attempted to be taught than could reasonably be expected of such a school. I refer to the system of requiring plans of lessons to be handed to the lecturers and the practice of requiring students to teach each other with a view to judge of their ability to teach, and to furnish opportunity for improving them in this respect. Failure to do either of these two things well sim-

ply means that the student has not a knowledge of the subject in hand in its logical connection. He might before a real class develop qualities the existence of which would never be discovered by such a system. It is no test of the amount of enthusiasm he possesses. Who could be enthusiastic in teaching the rivers of North America to a class of university graduates? Nor is it a test of the student's tact in handling a class, or of his ability to see how much explanation he should give and how much he should leave to the intelligence of his class, for they actually know the subject as well as he does. It is not a test of his power to interest a class, for sympathy furnishes his fellow-students with an artificial interest. Doubtless the teacher who does not stand this test, provided it is looked on in its true light, viz., a test of the logical character and correctness of the student's knowledge, is unfitted to teach. Herein is the school a good detective, for it discovers a fault which it cannot correct.

The continuance of this system with a class will remove the manifestations of the illogical character of the students' knowledge, in particular cases, but the cause lies beyond such attempts. University teachers lecture their students instead of teaching them to think for themselves, and as a consequence they learn a large number of facts from books and lectures, without any exercise of thought, and without knowing the reasons for the opinions they commit to memory, or the connection between the facts. Such knowledge is showy enough, and in some departments useful, but it is not education, and cannot under any system of technical training become an effectual instrument of education. A student should be taught that the best part of education is in the process of acquiring facts, not in the knowledge of facts themselves. "Deep learned in books and shallow in himself" is a not unapt description of many a graduate who enters the teaching profession.

If a student has learned to teach himself, he needs little assistance to make him a good teacher of others, and a student will soon teach himself if he is obliged to think for himself instead of adopting the opinions of others, excellent though they be. If the University would do its work properly, the teachers in the School of Pedagogy would be relieved of much work which it is hopelessly trying to perform. All they can hope to do is to prevent such students from entering the teaching profession. If, then, a student should *learn* to teach himself, which should not all students be required to know—Psychology? It seems strange that a knowledge of applied psychology is necessary in order to teach others, but not necessary in order to teach oneself. The requirement of a thorough knowledge of applied psychology, during the undergraduate course, would save the time devoted to the teaching of that subject in the school, as well as correct those faults in education which the present system of mutual teaching vainly attempts to correct. Such knowledge would be decidedly advantageous for every kind of student.

Practice in teaching and lectures on methods in particular subjects must, of course, be deferred until after graduation. Elocution, which appears to be inseparably connected with the study of literature, should also be taken up in College. If it makes the study of literature easier, let us have it along with our literature. Before reforming our School of Pedagogy we should reform our methods of University study and lecturing. Thoughtful study, not the devouring of disconnected facts, is what is necessary.

The fact that the presence of large numbers of students holding first-class certificates, grade C, is a defect in our present system of technical training may also be adverted to. They know a very little about some one thing, and nothing about everything else. Their lack of the breadth of training possessed by the ordinary grad. makes it necessary to dwell too long on such subjects as Psychology, so that the result is that the University graduates have learned the subject, and become wearied with the repetition of it, long before the 1st C man has learned the simplest truths. Besides, the presence of such men in our High

Schools has no excuse when there are so many graduates available.

The extension of the term to a year looks very much like an attempt to make up for quality by quantity. The establishment of a chair of Applied Psychology and a chair of Elocution would go a long way towards the solution of the problem of technical education for intending teachers. Until we have decided how much of the technical education required by a teacher should go hand in hand with the acquisition of knowledge, the training of teachers must be more or less unsatisfactory. It is only right to add that the additions made to the staff will undoubtedly place the University in a position to do its part of the work better.

R. J. B.

#### IN SYMPATHY.

The following, which is a very rough translation of one of Petrarch's love sonnets, is most respectfully inscribed to the gentleman who favors THE VARSITY with occasional lines on the same subject. From our heart we sympathize with him, for we too used to hear Love calling us loudly and knocking impatiently at our fevered breast, urging us to burst forth into impassioned song. But we have found a remedy. When we perceive the Levantine enemy coming, we seize our treasured Petrarch, and describing with it a cabalistic circle, we begin to read, in our most melodious voice, one of those sweet Italian sonnets on the life and death of Laura. And the foul fiend, sticking his fingers in his ears, and uttering most unearthly screechings of terror, flees into the furthest regions of outer darkness.

*S'amor non è, che dunque è quel ch' i sento* "

If 'tis not love I feel, what moves me so?  
And yet, Oh God! if it is love, what thing is this?  
If kind, why doth it ever work me woe?  
If cruel, why hath pain such wond'rous bliss?  
If seeking love, why do I weep and cry?  
If seeking not, why tear-drops in mine eye?  
Oh, living death! Oh, most delightful pain!  
Me willing not, why power to grasp amain?  
If willing thee, why weep that thou hast slain?

Storm-tossed, by winds adverse, thus on the deep  
My fragile vessel rudderless must keep  
Its ballast unproportioned to its load;  
And knowing not what time for me may bode,  
While winter frowns, hot summer's tears I weep.

J. NYNROCH.

#### THE FRESHMAN'S PROPOSAL.

Dorah had noticed his nervous manner towards her during the evening, and had a presentiment that the all-important scene of her life was about to be enacted. When he led her into the conservatory among the delightfully seclusive palms and shaggy-headed China asters, where the violets and mignonette breathed to and fro sweet silent messages of love, when, in this fairy atmosphere, he seated himself on the foot-stool beside her, Dorah felt that already her presentiment had realized.

"Dorah," he said, and his voice trembled, "Dorah, we have known each other for a long time. You have ever been kind to me when other fair Varsity girls have frowned on me. This, Dorah, has encouraged me to speak to you on a subject that I have, believe me, broached to no other girl." He took her hand in his, and Dorah, with down-turned eyes and palpitating heart, awaited. "Dorah! dare I hope—could you—will you let me enroll your name on the VARSITY subscription list?"

NINE T. SIX.

The University of Pennsylvania is to have a new dormitory to cost \$125,000. It is said that this building will be the largest college dormitory in the United States.

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DECEMBER 7, 1892.

LITERARY SOCIETY.



THE meeting of the Lit. on Friday evening was not as well attended as usual. Perhaps it was the near approach of Christmas; perhaps it was the thought of term work and term exams—*vide* Empire—perhaps it was the result of previous efforts, but, at any rate, the audience was somewhat attenuated.

After the minutes had been read and the other etceteras gone through, the programme was reached. Mr. Knox was called on for a solo; but alas, he was the victim of circumstances, for his accompanist was not present. In grief-laden tones he narrated his woes, and promised that, if the Society would only give him a few minutes respite, Mr. Parker, his accompanist, would be present—or die in the attempt. The Society being in a gracious mood, assented.

Mr. Laschinger was now called upon to read, and he prefaced his remarks by a complaint that he had only been given an hour's warning. The Society said it was sorry; and so the reader proceeded to tell us about Mr. Spooopen-dyke swearing off from smoking. Several of the members paid an attention to the reading, which suggested that they were thinking of a New Year's resolve in the same direction. The business manager was one of these; but he changed his mind when he remembered that he might have to take out the tobacconist's ads. in trade.

Mr. Strath now wanted to return to another order of business; but the president objected.

Mr. Levy was called upon for an essay. Now arose a meek, pathetic voice from the rear of the hall, assuring the Society that sufficient time had not been given to prepare an essay worthy of being laid before the august critics of the Lit. Then there was a sound of retreating footsteps, and, when President De Lury asked if he was to understand that Mr. Levy was not prepared, there was an eloquent silence.

Mr. J. L. McDougall now wanted to return to order of business "I." In order to attain this goal it was necessary to climb over the president's ruling and appeal to the meeting. The meeting didn't know exactly why the return to order of business "I" was wanted, but it was anxious for a "scrap," and so it overruled the president's ruling. Mr. Strath now arose, looked around him anxiously, lest anyone should make a motion before he got a chance, and nominated Messrs. G. R. Anderson and H. A. Moore as a committee to see about the holiday rates. Mr. Strath wore now an air of triumph. Thanks to his tactical skill the pleasant task, which has been his in several bygone years, is his no longer. Mr. Anderson smiled a sad smile and resigned himself to the inevitable. Mr. McDougall now explained to the meeting, that in moving to order of business "I," there had been "method in his madness," and that he wanted a conversat. At the mention of the word "conversat," there was a general air of inquisitiveness pervading the room, as to what a conversat. is; it is so long since we have had one that it is almost a forgotten phantom now. Mr. McDougall proceeded in a clear and forcible speech to explain the benefits which would accrue from holding a conversat. When he was through we were informed that the general committee had this year established a *new precedent*, and that, while hitherto the initiative in reference to the conversat. had been taken by the Society, it had this year been taken by the General Committee. We were also informed that the sages who inhabit the College Council had, in their wisdom, decided that a conversat. was an impossibility. From an intimate acquaintance with the University student, they know that his sole object in desiring another conversat. is to have another fire. We then went back to the programme. Mr. Knox and Mr. Parker appeared and said their little piece so well that they had to give an *encore*.

And now the debate came on. Mr. Burns took the affirmative: his speech was keenly appreciated by the back benches, so much so that an unprecedented event occurred. *Ike made a joke*. Mr. Kilgour stepped forward for the negative: his speech contained some excellent points, which might have been more strongly enforced were it not for a pardonable nervousness; his manner, also, is none too animated. Mr. Reeve, who spoke second on the affirmative, manifested his usual fluency and choice diction, with an improvement in logic. During his speech many unnecessary interruptions took place. We don't know who caused them, but we would like to protest. Mr. Hughes, the second speaker on the negative, now made his maiden speech before the Lit.: in a desire to be too exact, he clung rather too closely to his manuscript, which was a mistake, for at times he showed that he could have done well without it. His manner was grateful. The President now took his part, and decided that the balance had swung in favor of the affirmative.

So ended the programme, and now for the business. Mr. L. A. Moore appeared on behalf of the Banjo and Guitar Club and asked for \$25. The Society was in a charitable mood and immediately took off its top boot, produced its wallet, and counted out the required sum in five cent pieces. Mr. Parker now wanted to resort to a former order of business, whereupon Mr. McLean, from a desire to know what Mr. Parker wanted, seconded the motion. Mr. Parker now gave notice of motion of a grant of \$50 to the Glee Club. The Society looked anxiously at its wallet, examined its pocket for small change, and thought.

Now some more business. For the office of second year councillor were nominated Messrs. Silverthorne, Kirkwood and a few others, and for the office of third vice-president those two well known ex-freshmen, Messrs. Horne and Strath. We sincerely hope that these two gentlemen last named will be elected, for as freshmen they took quite a lively interest in the Society.

And now we adjourned, and the mock-parliament men went home to dream of cabinet honors and dishonors; of public works, and of *working* the public works; of truth in the concrete and of truth in the abstract in its connection with parliamentary life; and of the thousand and one fancies which Queen Mab makes flit through the politician's brain.

H. B.

MASS MEETING.

The President of the Literary Society has received the following requisition:—

MR. A. T. DELURY, B.A.,  
*President of Univ. Coll. Lit. and Sci. Soc.*  
 We, the undersigned students of the University of Toronto and of the School of Practical Science, hereby request you to call a mass meeting of the students of all Faculties of the University of Toronto and the School of Practical Science, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of organizing the student body into a regularly constituted society, in order that all business affecting the general interests of the students may receive proper and orderly consideration, and accordingly be more satisfactorily concluded.

We further request that you call this meeting at the earliest possible opportunity.

Sgd. W. R. P. PARKER,  
 C. A. MOSS,  
 And eleven others.

The President has accordingly called a mass meeting for Thursday afternoon, at four o'clock. All our students should be present.

UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.

NOTE.—Notices under this head must be in the hands of the Editor before Monday night.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.

Y.M.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.  
 Class of '96 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.  
 Class of '94 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH.

Literary Society.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 8 p.m.  
 The Varsity Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 4 to 6 p.m.  
 Ladies' Glee Club.—Practice in Room 3, College Building, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH.

Victoria Literary Society.—Literary Society Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.  
 Jackson Literary Society.—Jackson Hall, Victoria College, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH.

Bible Class.—"The Apostle of Liberty" Gal. ii. 11-21. Rev. J. P. Sheraton, D.D., Wycliffe College, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12TH.

Modern Language Club.—Address on Daudet—Mr. Cameron. See board.  
 S.P.S. Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH.

Class of '95 Prayer Meeting.—Y.M.C.A. Parlors, 8.30 a.m.  
 Y.W.C.A.—Y.M.C.A. Hall, 4 p.m.  
 Classical Association.—Essays—Messrs. Brown and Bowman—Room 3, College Building, 4.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH.

Bible Class.—Rev. Dr. McTavish's class for Bible training. Y.M.C.A. Hall, 5 p.m.  
 Class of '94 Political Science Club, 4 p.m.—See Board.

MEDICAL COLLEGE BANQUET.

Though this year's Banquet of Toronto University Medical College is now a thing of the past, it will long be remembered with pride. Attended with such marked success and graced as it was by the presence of His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada and His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, the dinner of last Thursday night is well worthy of being classed in Toronto as one of most brilliant events of the year. The spacious and handsome Rossin House banquet-hall, tastefully decorated for the occasion, was filled with nearly three hundred guests and students.

On President Thomson's right seats were reserved for the vice-regal party, Lord Stanley and Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick, who arrived at 11 p.m., and were given a standing ovation which must have made His Excellency's ears tingle. On Mr. Thomson's left, as of yore, sat Dean Aikins, while grouped on either side were distinguished members of the professions in Ontario. During the exhaustive discussion of the exhausting menu, for which the Rossin House cuisine is justly famous, the band of the Queen's Own Rifles rendered appropriate selections.

When President Thomson finally rose in his place he was greeted with enthusiastic applause. In a remarkably clever speech he welcomed the guests, and after eulogizing the late Sir Daniel Wilson, and paying tribute to the good qualities of the present President of the University, proposed the toast of "The Queen." Right lustily the National Anthem and Rule Britannia were sung. To the toast of "The Faculty" Dean Aikins, Dr. Richardson and Dr. Cameron responded. The Dean made a strong plea for an amended Anatomy Act, urged the establishment of a Chair of Anatomy in the University, and praised the efficiency of our Department of Pathology.

The health of Vice-royalty was now toasted, the party having just arrived. The Governor-General made a happy reply, in which he humorously acknowledged himself as a "State-aided institution." His Excellency extolled the value of medical education, and expressed his admiration of all study which has for its object the relief of humanity. In conclusion he referred with pleasure to his visit to the General Hospital during the day. The Lieutenant-Governor spoke in his usual graceful way. He made mention of the advances made in the last quarter of a century in medical science, and the renown obtained by young Canadians in other countries.

"The Legislature," proposed by Dr. W. H. B. Aikins, brought forth an eloquent reply from Hon. Mr. Harcourt, who stated that the Provincial Government heartily sympathized with the efforts of the medical profession to promote the welfare of humanity. Vice-Chancellor Mulock responded to the toast of "Toronto University." Following on the lines of progress in medical science, the University, he said, had endeavored some years ago to incorporate scientific into the ordinary medical education, and had given ample opportunity to the medical schools to show their practical sympathy with such a policy. What was the result? "Suffice it to say," he continued, "that the strongest opposition came from a gentleman who, speaking in this hall forty-eight hours ago, deprecated the establishment of our medical faculty, and advised the readoption of that policy which he had assisted to make abortive. . . . Let no one suppose, Sir, that I advocate a draft on University funds for our medical faculty. I do not. The other demands of this growing and expanding institution require all her resources, but my contention is that the application of public money in the maintenance of the public health is not only legitimate and proper but an imperative duty on the part of the State." Professors Baker and Dale followed in neat and appropriate speeches.

To the toast of "Other Professions" replies were made by Chancellor Boyd, Mr. Justice Rose and Judge Falconbridge. Chairman W. S. Lee and Superintendent O'Reilly responded for the "Toronto General Hospital." In reply

to the toast of "The Press," Mr. E. E. Sheppard made a unique speech from the text, "Don't settle down; settle up." "Sister Institutions," proposed by Dr. Ellis, elicited addresses from Prof. Badgeley, who brought greetings from Victoria University, and Dr. Willmott, who spoke of the close relations of the medical profession with the College of Pharmacy.

Dr. Bruce, of the hospital, and Mr. E. E. Harvey responded to the toast of the "Graduates and Graduating Class." The toast of "Sister Institutions" gave the students a chance to royally welcome the delegates from other colleges. Replies were made by Mr. J. W. Lawrence, representing McGill; Mr. H. J. James, from Queen's; Mr. F. T. Lees, from London; Mr. W. J. Arnott, from Trinity; Mr. D. I. Dulmage, from the Dental College; and Mr. F. B. R. Hellems, from University College. They were all clever speakers and were heartily applauded. Dr. Boyd responded for "Athletics." Mr. McArthur replied in his usual eloquent manner to the toast of "The Ladies," and Mr. A. H. Macklem nobly upheld the honor of his year in his reply to the toast of "The Freshmen."

It was close on the hours of morning when the toast list was ended. Mr. Thomson expressed his gratification at the success of the Banquet, and thanked his committee who had helped him in the infinite number of details necessary for such an event. During the evening appropriate music was rendered by Messrs. Beemer, Park, Cunningham, Hargraft, the Guitarr Club, and the octettes and quartettes of the various years.

#### SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The Engineering Society held its regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 29th, the President in the chair. The ordinary preliminaries were interspersed with the usual interruptions caused by the arrival of tardy members. When these had ceased the Society girded up its loins and sat down to listen to a paper by Mr. A. T. Laing on "The Niagara Hydraulic Tunnel." Mr. Laing has been engaged during the summer as assistant engineer on work adjacent to this extensive and difficult undertaking, and so was well prepared to give a full and clear account of the work.

We have not space to deal with the details of construction, the method of drilling and blasting the rock, the removal of the *debris*, the system of furnishing fresh air to the workmen, or the construction of the walls of the tunnel; nor can we describe the weird effects as seen by a workman over two hundred feet below the surface of the earth, working in a Stygian atmosphere relieved only by an occasional electric light, the ever-changing combinations of brilliant light and intense darkness, the shifting shadows as the workmen moved from one place to another in the discharge of their duties, or the sepulchral sound of their voices as they reverberated through this immense artificial cavern. But all this and more was vividly portrayed by Mr. Laing in a way that could be done only by one who had seen and heard.

This work is constructed to furnish 100,000 horse-power. At present only 20,000 is being used. This is generated by two turbines, fifteen feet in diameter, each of 10,000 horse-power. This power is obtained by tapping the Niagara River above the falls with a canal; this discharges into the wheel-pits, entering the wheels under a head of 150 feet. The dead water is then discharged into the tunnel, which empties it into the Niagara River below the falls.

The committee appointed to inquire into the feasibility of publishing monthly the papers read before the Society, reported to the effect that financially the project could be carried through, but that there was some doubt as to whether the students could give sufficient time to the work to make it a success. The Society took no action in the matter.

The Dinner Committee is working hard and everything promises us a big time and a successful banquet next

Friday night. The following is a complete list of invited guests:—Members of the Faculty; E. H. Keating, City Engineer; John Galt, C.E.; representatives from each of the following institutions: Kingston Military College, Applied Science Department, McGill University; Provincial Land Surveyors' Association; Engineering Society; University of Michigan.

#### Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

We would like to remind the students that the Association is in need of funds, and would request those who have not already done so to pay their fees as soon as possible, either to Mr. Knox, the Treasurer, or Mr. McNicol, the General Secretary.

The Bible class which is held every Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock is proving of very great benefit to those who attend. Dr. McTavish shows marked ability as a Bible class teacher; he knows his Bible thoroughly, and deals with the subjects in a very clever and attractive manner.

On account of so many business and missionary meetings, the purely devotional has thus far been a scarcity, but last Thursday the Association assumed its normal condition. The meeting was led by W. C. Clark, and all who know anything of his ability as a speaker can readily understand that his address was very profitable. He took as his subject "A secret of the Christ life"—the complete submissiveness to the Father's will—and was listened to most intently by the large number of students present. At the close of his remarks the meeting was thrown open, and not a few took part in the discussion.

Rev. J. McP. Scott will in all probability address the next meeting of the Association, with reference to the Korea Mission, and Messrs. Russell and Young, delegates to the Missionary Convention held recently in Woodstock, will report.

#### CLASS OF '94.

The class of '94 had a very enjoyable "social evening" on Saturday night. A very pleasing innovation was the presence, by invitation, of the lady councillors of the other class societies. This represents a feeling that the true mission of the class society is not confined to the narrow limits of one class society alone. An excellent programme was rendered; it is unnecessary to single out any names, for all did well; suffice it to say, that the officers of the class who took part in the programme, the orator, the poet, the prophet, and above all, the judge, evoked much amusement by their witty sallies. After some light refreshments the meeting broke and wended its *single* way homeward, having spent a most pleasant evening. Great credit is due to the committee for the completeness of its arrangements, by means of which the comfort and enjoyment of all was insured.

#### CLASS OF '95 SOCIAL.

A social evening was held by class '95 in Y.M.C.A. Hall, on Saturday evening, Nov. 26th. By about 8 o'clock the parlor and hall presented a cheerful appearance, over 100 members of the class being engaged in social intercourse. A particularly large number of ladies was present and this, no doubt, accounted to a large extent for the success of the evening. At the call of the President, Mr. King, the members seated themselves. After the chairs were arranged the proper distance apart, and all clatter had subsided, the Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly approved. The President now announced that the officers proposed by the ladies were: for Councillors, Misses Beans, Northwood and McGregor; for Historian, Miss Darling. The recommendation was adopted, and these ladies declared elected. Mr. Duncan

having withdrawn his notice of motion that the office of artist be abolished, the meeting elected Mr. J. A. Tucker as artist. The next point of interest was a debate by Mr. Wicher: Resolved that the doing away with gowns be abolished. Mr. Wicher won the debate, and the class rejoiced over his victory. The following programme was now creditably carried out:—

PART I.—President's inaugural address; Prophecy, Mr. Laing; Quartette, Messrs. Brawn, Murray, Wilson, and McKay; Oration, Mr. Montgomery; Chorus; Musical Selection, Mr. Braun, potato; Mr. Boulby, Banjo; Mr. Wickens, Mouth-Organ, Auto-Harp and several other instruments; Poem, Mr. Tucker; Chorus, some members of '95. The Critic, Mr. Hollinrake, in a plain but kindly way, criticised what had been done, and the first part of the programme was finished.

PART II.—Refreshments. General refreshments by the Society proper. Confiscation of cake by two Residence men. After another brief period of social intercourse, and the singing of some college songs, the meeting dispersed, every member being thoroughly delighted with the best evening '95 had yet had as a class.

Mr. King and his committee are to be congratulated on the success of this their first social event.

### MATHEMATICAL AND PHYSICAL SOCIETY.

The regular meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society was held in Room 16, on Friday last. The programme consisted of a paper by Miss R. Lindsay, '93, and experiments performed by Messrs. G. Anderson and H. H. Moore, of the same class. In her paper, entitled "Marie Agnesi," Miss Lindsay gave an interesting account of the life and works of this noted mathematician and linguist. A synopsis of Agnesi's great work, *Analytical Institutions*, was given, convincing all that her knowledge of mathematics was equal to that possessed by the great men of her day—in fact, her mathematical ability was so great that her writings compared favorably with those of the famous Newton. All present at the meeting were satisfied, after the presentation of this paper, that mathematics is not a study for man only, but that a woman may also acquire the exalted position held by an authority in the subject. The Theory of "Beats" in Acoustics was explained and illustrated by Messrs. Anderson and Moore, in a series of experiments, by means of tuning forks of different rates of vibration. At the close of the programme the President announced that the papers read before the Society, during the term '91-'92, would be published in book-form in a few weeks. This book, containing papers on some very important subjects, should be obtained by every student in Mathematics and Physics.

TORONTO CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC.—The new Conservatory Calendar, issued at the beginning of the season, has been much in demand and is daily called for. Much fresh matter was added this season, as several of the courses of study have been extended. It also contains much information respecting the Collegiate Course in Piano, Voice, Organ, and Violin, also Church Service playing on the Organ, in all its branches, as well as the essential art of "improvising." The information it contains concerning the Normal Class System of instruction, and the Course for the Teacher's Diploma, will be found interesting and practical. Among the free advantages enjoyed by students of the Conservatory—as specified in the Calendar—are included Elementary Classes in Harmony, Sight-Singing, and the Violin, also Ensemble Piano instruction and orchestral practice for advanced students. The Elocution and Physical Culture departments are in charge of H. N. Shaw, B.A., who for six years had charge of these departments in connection with University work. Much attention is being given to this work, and it is receiving high commendations. The Voice work, based on the best Italian methods, is particularly good. Conservatory and Elocution Calendars can be had free.

### BASEBALL.

The baseball season has come and gone, and it has been proved that in this, as in all other sports, Varsity holds an enviable position.

Early in the spring, under the efficient management of A. N. Garret, practice was started. The first game was with the Park Nine, one of Toronto's crack teams, who were easily defeated by a score of 9 to 2. Next were met, on the Queen's Birthday, in this city, the amateur champions of the United States, the Detroit Athletic Club. Both the morning and afternoon games were lost, though the boys made a creditable showing considering the little practice that could be had during the busy month of May.

With the examinations over practice was most diligent, and when Cornell visited Toronto on May 31st our team was at its best. In this game Varsity secured a lead in the first inning, and by their superior play the boys had the game won until the ninth, when Cornell, by mere luck, succeeded in winning by the close score of 4 to 3. On June 2nd the team journeyed to London, where fortune was still adverse. After a hard fought game of eleven innings defeat was suffered at the hands of the Alerts, the score being 5 to 4. Rain prevented the game with the D. A. C., at Detroit the next day.

The tide now turned. On June 4th was met the well-known team of the University of Michigan, on their own grounds, at Ann Arbor. Here was played the most exciting game of the season. Ann Arbor secured a lead in the first, but was overhauled in the fourth, and Varsity got the lead, which she held until the eighth, when the U. of M., amid the wild applause of a large crowd of students who had congregated to cheer their team on to victory, got in two runs, which evened the score. No more scoring was done until, in the tenth, Varsity managed to get another man across the plate and to "blank" their opponents, thus winning by a score of 5 to 4. The game was won by Varsity's superior batting, both teams being about equal in their fielding, which was of a brilliant order, although the latter part of the game was played in a downpour of rain.

The week following the nine went to Ottawa, and had no difficulty in defeating a team picked from the league of that city by a score of 13 to 10. On June 25th Galt was visited, and its baseballists easily defeated by 11 to 3.

On Dominion Day Varsity played her last games of the season with the Dukes, champions of the Toronto League, a team of provincial reputation. In the morning the college boys "whitewashed" their opponents, scoring three runs themselves; but in the afternoon, though they had the better of the play throughout, yet, by loose playing in the ninth, the game was lost by a score of 5 to 4.

Varsity, by her close games with Cornell and Ann Arbor, proved that she is not inferior to the American colleges at their own game, and that she has among her undergraduates the material for one of the best amateur clubs on the continent. What the club need is more support; and especially does it need an enclosed ground on which home games may be played. The near future will no doubt see the Varsity baseball nine leading the amateur teams of the continent.

### THE CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

The regular bi-weekly meeting of the Classical Association was held last Tuesday. On motion of Mr. Hellems a committee was appointed to supervise the typewriting and binding of the papers read before the Association during this Collegiate year. The somewhat difficult subject of the Folkland of England and Rome was handled by Mr. Sissons in an able and original thesis. The Society then took hold of the subject, and a short discussion followed, with most valuable comments by Prof. Dale. Mr. Hagarty, of Harbord Collegiate, had dropped in while the meeting was in progress, and favored us with a few felicitous remarks.



## 'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

W. M. Davidson, '93, is progressing favorably.

The new beadle is a regular attendant at the Pol. Sc. lectures of '94.

Knox College "At Home" is declared off, to the general regret of their friends.

Next week the most approved form of salutation will be, "When are you going home?"

Dr. Shaver, of Stratford, father of Mr. Shaver of the second year, medicine, died last week after a long illness.

We are pleased to learn that our esteemed friend, Mr. D. A. Burgess, '90, is recovering from an almost fatal attack of lung trouble.

Mr. A. E. Myers, '95, well known to us all for his athletic prowess, is an inmate of the Hospital as the result of an attack of typhoid.

Mr. Wrong has announced that the Historical Seminary work, for which a room has been set apart in the new Library building, will commence immediately after Xmas vacation.

No account of the '95-'94 Association football match has yet been given in VARSITY. Be it understood, however, that '95 was victorious, thereby winning the championship of University College.

The Hockey Club has secured the use of Victoria Rink for three afternoons in the week. Inter-year matches are already being talked of, and there is every indication that the game will be more popular with the students than ever.

The identity of Adam Rufus, who writes the "Varsity Chat" in *Saturday Night* has long been a perplexing question, but, since the last issue of that paper, the opinion has been gaining ground, that "Eve Rufus" would be a more descriptive *nom de plume*.

We will take advantage of this column to acknowledge the kindness of Mr. Strath in taking charge of the issue of last week. It is needless to point out that the number was an excellent one, inasmuch as Mr. Strath's work is invariably of that order.

This from the *Mail*, re St. Andrew's Ball in the Pavilion: "Several of the dances were played for the first time in Toronto. Perhaps the best of the new selections was the M. Schottische, "Gretchen," which was composed by Mr. W. Hargratt, of Cobourg, who is a very talented musical freshman at Toronto University."

Seminary rooms have been set apart in the Library building for the following departments: Political Science, History, Latin and Greek, Teutonic, Romance and Oriental Languages,

and Philosophy and Ethics. So, little by little, the rooms are being fitted up, and hopes are entertained that they will really be ready for use after New Year.

There was a meeting last Thursday of Mr. Boles' Cabinet, and the following were sworn in as ministers: Messrs. Bull, Phillips, N. McDougal, Henry, Woods, Fry, Reeve, Craig, Chalmers, King, Montgomery, Allen and Boyd. The proceedings, of course, were secret, but close friends of the government are spreading rumors of some very revolutionary proposals.

We have long been wondering why the library is not opened for evening use, and, after diligent search, we have found the cause. The lighting appliances are all in, but it seems that the Finance Committee are waiting for the Senate to meet and endorse their report of the expenses involved. To those unacquainted with red tape and officialism there is but little satisfaction in such an excuse.

A third year man, who is taking pass French, happened to buy "Atala," a fourth year book, instead of "Athalie," a Biblical story, which is on for his year. Having, with much diligence, read the book through, he thought he would call around and see how the class was getting on. He was rather crest-fallen at finding out his mistake, but says, that he thought all along that it was a queer sort of Bible story.

On Friday last a petition was set on foot, requesting the authorities to provide some means which would enable the students to leave hats, coats, umbrellas, etc., without fear of their being stolen. If all who have been unfortunate to lose any such articles had signed, we fancy a very large petition would have been presented to the authorities. We have not yet heard what was the outcome of the matter.

A paper on which, among many similar, the appended hieroglyphics appear, was picked up near the corner of College and Spadina last week. Any probable solution of their use and meaning will be gladly received.

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The other portions are very similar, but occasionally the order of the letters is changed, and in one or two the letters G and A are inserted, apparently in lieu of others.

A very *enthusiastic* and *unanimous* meeting of the Political Science Club of '94 was held on Wednesday, 23rd inst., at which the following officers were elected for the current year: Honorary President, Prof. Mavor; President, Mr. J. M. McEvoy, B.A., LL.B.; Vice-President, Mr. J. H.

Brown; Councillors, Messrs. Barnum and Carroll; Secretary, G. B. Wilson. The next meeting of the society will be held December 7th. Papers are expected to be read containing a "Criticism of Mills' Four Fundamental Assumptions." Members of the class are requested to hand to some member of the Executive Committee the names of subjects they would wish to have discussed at the meetings of the society.

## DI-VARSITIES.

## DESPAIR.

She stood beneath the 'lectric lamp  
In the cool, fresh morn and bright,  
I rearranged my mortar board  
As she flashed upon my sight.

"Pray, fair Freshette," I softly said,  
"Why tarry you thus there,  
With pouted lip, and knitted brow,  
And melancholy air?"

"Alas!" she sighed and gazed on high,  
Where the swinging arc lamp hangs,  
"I'm dead-broke for a carton stick,  
To curl my Langtry bangs."

NINE T. SIX.

It is a curious fact that dull weather is generally wet, and dull lectures are generally dry.



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