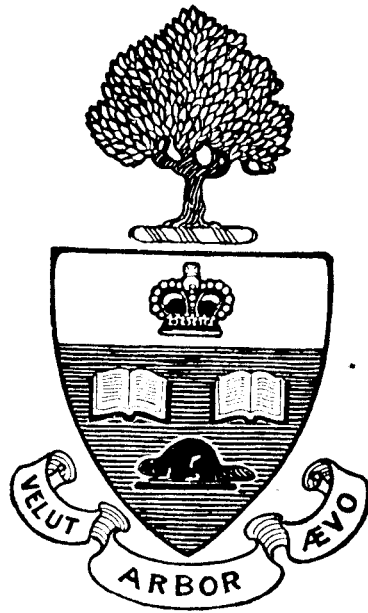


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My First Visit to the Verein

"Ich will mein Leipzig loben."—Goethe.

The remarkable popularity with American students of post-graduate study in Germany has of late shown a slight tendency to reaction. This may be due in part to the growth of the native institutions and the enormous increase in their endowments, and in the opportunities they afford for advanced work. By the acquisition of the private libraries of deceased German professors and by the occasional capture of a live authority, such as Professor Von Holst of Chicago, the New World has attempted to secure attractions which may rival those of the German centres of learning. It speaks well for science and for German patriotism that sums which must appear almost fabulous to a professor in the Fatherland (Mk. 40,000) have proved unavailing to tempt them "to fresh fields and pastures new." But what may be lacking in quality is made up in quantity, and with from a dozen to thirty-five instructors in the department of English alone, one can understand how the American universities of the first class are able to carry out very extensive courses of post-graduate study.

Another cause for the reaction is seen in the increased attention paid to English universities as possible scenes of post-graduate work. While it is simply incomprehensible to a German scholar how this could be, for to him all English learning is derived at second-hand from German sources, yet the American and still less the Canadian, top-notch American though he be, can scarcely be expected to adopt this somewhat top-lofty attitude, and look down upon Oxford and Cambridge as the playgrounds of young barbarians and homes for mere Dons.

The argument is frequent nowadays that the English universities cultivate the liberal arts and give a social training that the hard-working Teutonic specialist never acquires. There is some truth in this contention for the simple reason that the average Oxford or Cambridge student comes from a wealthy and upper class environ-

ment, whereas the mass of the German students are sons of preachers, teachers, and civil servants, or other professional men, whose incomes in Germany are lamentably meagre, and whose self-denial in sending their children to the university is all the more to be commended. In this respect our own students resemble those of Germany, just as the students of Oxford and Cambridge resemble those of Harvard, Yale or Columbia. And as the Toronto student has his own measure of social life, which in these latter days is sometimes supposed to infringe on the hours of study, so the Modern Language student of Leipzig or Halle has his own mode of combining the social with the scientific. To readers of *The Varsity* it may be interesting to learn just how this is done.

Oddly enough the Neuphilologische Verein of Leipzig was founded only two or three years before the Modern Language Club of Toronto, in the year 1878.

In my first "Sommer Semester" at Leipzig I spent an evening at the Kneipe of the Neuphilologen, and was greatly interested in what seemed a most remarkable combination of learning and good fellowship. The meeting was held in the private room of a hotel, and to get there one had to pass through a kind of beer garden. My companion, another Toronto graduate, was a student of theology at the time and had previously introduced me to a theological club where I had met Professor Delitsch and had observed that his large glass was replenished more than once with *Baierisches*. Thus we were both prepared for the beer and, indeed, one cannot travel far into Germany without feeling that beer plays a very large part in the life of all classes. But what struck us much more than the beer-drinking was the matured style of criticism which characterized the paper of the evening, on the relation between Racine and Schiller. This we were able to follow fairly well, as we had both made German our favorite subject in University College, which in our undergraduate days offered unusual facilities for a conversational study of the language. But even more impressive than the paper was the argument that followed its conclusion. We had heard

and read that the German language was not naturally suitable for oratory, but these students showed as much readiness and as facile a flow of language as if they had been from the south of France or the north of Italy. To me this was the greatest surprise of that evening.

It was not till years later that after becoming myself a member of the Verein, I learned how the German student acquires this facility in the use of a language which is so rigid in its syntax as almost to preclude the possibility, one would suppose, of fluent eloquence. It is due, like so many other admirable German qualities, to their careful school training. For they are drilled to discuss large subjects on their feet in the history and literature classes and in the higher forms, Greek and Roman subjects as well. How many of our Canadian schoolboys could be got to stand up and deliver an address on Julius Caesar lasting half an hour? This is the kind of training by which these young Teutons are enabled, while still freshmen, to take a part in the literary debates of the Verein.

Another quality which appealed no less strongly to our ears was the loudness of the students' voices. This was also due to the teaching of childhood, and was not without its advantage to the listening foreigner, being, however, in very striking contrast with the soft voices of the Oxford graduates.

With another feature of that evening's proceedings we were very much impressed. The German is nothing if not musical. Toronto is sufficiently seized of that fact at present, after listening to the concerts of a choir named for the great Leipzig musician, Mendelssohn, assisted by the orchestra of another great Leipzig musician, Paur, and brought to a high state of perfection by a German born on Canadian soil. In 1890, at an annual meeting of the Verein, I had the opportunity of introducing Profs. Vogt, Field and Torrington to Prof. Wulker, the great Leipzig scholar and founder of the Neuphilologische Verein. But that is another story.

When we first entered the room the business part of the meeting, during which strangers are excluded, was just over. The students were seated around a long table, about eighteen or twenty in number, and room was at once made for us, the students on each side introducing themselves with a bow which we reciprocated. Having ordered our beer we were given song-books or *Commers-bücher*; and the presiding officer who sat at the head of the table standing up, proclaimed in stentorian tones the word, *Silentium!* Then "Das schoene Lied Numero x, Vers eins," which student song was then sung with lusty voices and tremendous effect. After the close of the paper and before the discussion, another song was

sung with the same solemn invocation as an introduction. This part of the programme made a very pleasant impression on the two Toronto graduates. It was in part due to this that in the early days of our own Modern Language Club we had the habit of singing German and French songs, out of which habit grew under the fostering care of Mr. J. E. Jones, B.A., the first Varsity Glee Book. With the singing of the last song and before what is called the *Fidulitat*, we came away well satisfied with our first visit to a German students' *Kneipe*.

(To be continued.)

D. R. K.



Our Ideals

Oh! true and fair; oh! kind and free;
The good, the pure, the beautiful;
The strong, who face life fearlessly,
The staunch of soul, the dutiful,
Who swerve not from their pathway set,
Nor Truth's high precepts e'er forget.

We love their dust, their memories cling
To us thro' all the ages past,
And inspiration to us bring,
And on our life's poor pages cast
The shadows, where we dimly trace
The noble brow and god-like face.

He, whose seraphic force did frame
An Empire; or whose Pallas mind,
Despising paltry praise or fame,
In secret sought the truth to find,
And lived in thought of future years,
Midst critics' cold and jealous sneers.

And has Truth lost her charm? Are we
Less faithful to her sacred shrine,
Than those whose will and hand were free,
Whose lives were lit by light divine,
Who loved when love's day-star was set,
And, when hope vanished, struggled yet?

And they have lived, and they have wrought,
And they have built the world-wide stair,
And step by step its passage fought—
An everlasting thoroughfare,
Up which in spite of Change and Time,
The vestal maids of Knowledge climb.

Norman A. McEachern, '07.



A special meeting of the Lit. was called for Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, to elect representatives to McGill and Western Universities. Mr. D. J. Cowan was chosen to represent University College at McGill, and Mr. J. G. McKay at Western University. Considerable time was also spent in discussing the constitution. The method of awarding the British prize for oratory was left to the general committee.

University Ideals of Alfonso X.

Alfonso X., surnamed "The Wise," who was king of Castile and Leon from 1252 to 1284 is the Spanish Justinian. His codification of the laws of his dual kingdom is known as the Libro de las Leyes, (Book of the Laws) or Las Siete Partidas (the Seven Parts) and is considered for its time, a remarkably exhaustive and advanced work on jurisprudence. I have translated a couple of excerpts from the part dealing with the laws governing the establishment and administration of universities, which may have some interest for Varsity readers as a glimpse of academic life some six hundred and odd years ago. It will be seen that in some respects the Alfonsine ideal of student peacefulness has not yet descended upon the earth.

Chapter XXXI. of Universities.

Law II. In what place the university shall be established, and how the teachers shall be immune from injury.

The town in which it shall be desired to establish the university must be one having pure air and beautiful surroundings, in order that the teachers who teach the sciences and the students who learn them may live in health in it and that they may rest and enjoy themselves in the evening, when they rise weary from their study. Also there must be plenty of bread and wine and good inns in which they may dwell and spend their time without great expense. Also we say that the citizens of that place where the university shall be established must to the best of their ability protect and honor the teachers and students and all things pertaining to them. And none must seize as security the messengers who come to them from their native villages nor sequester them for any debt that their parents might owe. . . . And we also say that none, from any enmity or ill-will he may feel against the students or their parents, must do them dishonor or wrong or violence. And therefore we decree that the teachers and students and their messengers and all things pertaining to them shall be safe and immune from injury, both when they are coming to the university, when they are in it, and when they are going home. And this guarantee we grant them throughout all the places in our dominions. And whosoever does contrary to this, seizing one of them by violence, or robbing him of his property, shall pay it back to him fourfold, and if he should wound, or dishonor, or kill him, he shall be severely punished as a man who violates our guarantee.

Law VI. How the teachers and students may form societies and fraternities among themselves and chose one to advise them.

The wise men of antiquity forbade societies and

fraternities of many men to be formed in towns and in kingdoms, because therefrom arises more evil than good. But we think it right that teachers and students should be permitted to do so in universities, because they combine for the purpose of doing good, and they are all strangers and come from far separate parts. Wherefore it is fitting that they should all lawfully form a society whenever it might be necessary for the furtherance of their studies and for protection of themselves and their things. Also they may elect of themselves a head, who in Latin is called Rector of the university, whom they shall obey in all proper and right matters. And the rector must advise and compel the students not to get into faction-fights and riots with the men of the town where the students live, nor among themselves; and to refrain in all things from doing dishonor or wrong to anyone. And the rector must forbid them to go about at night, rather he should command them to remain quietly in their dwellings, and apply themselves to studying and to learning and to leading an honest and good life. For to this end were universities established, and not for people to prowl about armed either by night or by day, seeking an opportunity to fight and to commit other folly and wickedness to their own detriment and to the disturbance of the towns where they live. And if they should act contrary to this, then our judge must punish and correct them so that they may abandon their evil ways and do right.

A.F.B.C.



Exchanges

Queen's University Journal, in an issue just to hand, urges the need for post-graduate courses in divinity and suggests that the Ph. D. course be made to cover theology as well as science and arts. The reason put forth is that younger men should be offered inducements to remain with the university until they acquire a thorough education.

On the suggestion of the Principal of Queen's, it has been decided to establish an employment bureau in connection with the registrar's office for the students of the university.

The New York Tribune has offered a prize of \$25 for the best essay, not exceeding eight hundred words in length, setting forth the benefits which result to colleges and to the student body from college fraternities. Another prize of \$25 will be given for the best similar essay in disparagement of college fraternities.

In the February number of "Acta Victoriana" appears a contribution by Principal Hutton, entitled "Some Oxford Types." An excellent photograph of the writer accompanies the article.

The alumni of Michigan University have voted to erect a hall, costing not less than a hundred thousand dollars, as a memorial of the students of Michigan who served in their country's wars.

The lands belonging to the University of Texas altogether comprise something like two million acres, scattered in blocks of varying sizes through twenty-five counties.

The new catalogue of Yale gives the total registration as 2,996, with 391 officers and instructors. The new register of Cornell shows a total of 3,230.

The elective system of courses is a question which is troubling the larger American universities at present. President Wheeler, of California University, claims that the elective system is not conducive to the best moral life. The Dean of Princeton pronounces it false because he says there is no elective system in life. The President of Colorado College thinks that when given a chance students follow the path of least resistance and do no more work than they can help. On the other hand President Elliott of Harvard and President Angell of Michigan have stated that in their experience the elective system has been a success. The fears at first entertained that the students would select one-sided courses and "snaps" were unfounded.

One-half of one per cent. of the population of the United States is college-bred. From this number 73 per cent. of the Presidents, 56 per cent. of Vice-Presidents, 45 per cent. of Senators, 36 per cent. of Congressmen, and 83 per cent. of Supreme Court Judges have been chosen.

Considerable attention is paid in last week's issue of the "McGill Outlook" to Dr. Roddick's bill for the establishment of a central examining board in Canada for physicians. It is understood that as soon as such is established the British Medical Council will at once accept the licenses from that board and allow the holders to practise anywhere in the British Dominions.

The Cornell hockey team has been obliged to disband pursuant to an order of the Faculty Committee on Student Organizations. Le Brun Cooper, manager of the team, was not a bona fide student of the University during his service as manager and did not secure the required leaves of absence previous to taking the team outside the city.

"The Early Days of Cornell," by Professor Goldwin Smith, D.C.I., Emeritus Professor of English History in Cornell and sometime Regius Professor of Modern History at Oxford, will soon be issued.

A scholarship of \$200 per annum has just been endowed by the Cornell Alumni Association of Buffalo. The basis of the award is excellence of

scholarship, as shown by the University records, and the appointee's need of financial aid. The scholarship is in the form of a loan, repayable in three equal annual payments without interest, beginning three years after graduation.



Primum Vivere deinde Philosophari

(Chant Royal.)

Much have I studied, read and thought,
In realms of philosophy,
To find the secret, ages sought,
Of Life: the whither, whence and why.
I dipped at large in every nation,
Tradition, dogma, revelation:
Nor needed far in each to go,
To find it likewise did not know.
—But through the arid waste of sands
This vagrant stream I noted flow:
"Yield life the living she demands."

It may have been despair that brought
To honest hearts that final cry.
—The phrase is common with the sot,
Excuse for his debauchery.
The windy ass in self-inflation,
Blabs the same "precept of creation."
And I—well, maybe, long ago,
Propounded this my doctrine so.
Now on experience it stands,
Firmly as things that lately grow:
Yield life the living she demands.

They deprecate my sordid lot,
Content in clay to live and die.
The fullest life, I lose it not;
I lack but some mad fantasy.
Firm on my lowlier foundation,
By means adapted to that station,
I can a structure cause to grow
More weighty than a gorgeous show
Of mansions in aerial lands.
Then who shall say my standard's low;
Yield life the living she demands.

My prospects end not in the pot,
Far from a state of savagery,
I seek the heights that they've forgot,
Plunged in abstracted theory.
I wrest from life a fair collation,
Life flings to them a meagre ration.
Enough, they say, from this "vain show,"
Enough, thinks life, and all I owe,
Who with their fancy-palsied hands,
Just twang the string. I bend the bow
Yield life the living she demands.

I wonder if the hermit grot,
The frenzied flights of soul on high,
At end of time availeth aught,
Hot-beds one through eternity?
Perhaps for some self-abnegation,
Is life's one fitting consummation:
The quest is not for me, I trow,
My dust to dust: then winds may blow
It out of earth to unknown strands;
I'll fare no harder that I now
Yield life the living she demands.

L'envoi.

Come, my beloved, this useless woe,
To the four winds of heaven throw.
Untrammelled in mysterious bands,
Calm-browed, with fate no more your foe,
Yield life the living she demands.

—L. Owen.



The Arts' Dance

The Arts' dance was a whirling success. From the very moment the first couple entered the Gym., hearts began to palpitate to the rhythm of the music of an orchestra which is reputed to have few equals in the city, and with the gathering crowd, programmes filled fast. The Gym. is noted for its smoothness of floor and therefore as an ideal place for a dance. On Thursday evening this desirable condition was enhanced to a point equalled only by the smoothness of an Old Lit. politician. To the accomplished devotee of Terpsichore this smacked of Elysium, and as the evening wore on it was not difficult to conclude that the dull care of library and classroom had been consigned to skeletonless closets, there to remain until the pleasant languor of the Friday following had worn away. The hall had been decorated by a committee, evidently chosen from the honor course in Dr. Abbott's psychology of color, and the multiplication of various official flags added to the kaleidoscopic effect of "crepe de chene" and "robe de soie" in multitudinous variety, presented a changing scene of beauty that would vie with any number of gorgeous sunsets on rippling waters.

As most everybody was there who was sufficiently interested, it will not be necessary to mention the many notables, graduate and undergraduate, who were present. The vice-regal (?) and other patronage has been mentioned in the society columns of the dailies, and there remains only a description of the supper and the dance itself. The former, in a word, was eminently satisfying—especially to Don Cowan—and the latter, though it did not break up till some 90 minutes past the wee sma' hour of one (there is no smaller hour) seemed all too short. The extras, especially those which Jno. Sherry supervised, went with a vim and all went merry as a wedding bell—which it is to be feared in some instances will follow in due course.

In brief, the Arts' dance came and went; the crowd was perfect, the floor was not sticky à la West Hall, the music tingled the veins with rhythm, the supper was diverting, sparkling eyes and ruby lips added to the merriment, and the last number ended one of the most delightful functions ever given by the Literary and Scientific Society.

W. W. Hutton.

The Play and the Public

At the University Lecture in the Chemical Building Saturday afternoon Prof. Mavor introduced the lecturer, Mr. Clyde Fitch, as one of a number of dramatists who had as their object the evolution of the real American drama.

Mr. Fitch spoke of the theatre-going public, of the object with which the majority attended the theatre and the senseless criticisms sometimes made. People should accept plays for what they pretended to be, not complaining if the tragedy does not amuse or the light comedy does not lead to profound thought.

The characters should mould the action of the play, if it was to appeal to the hearts and minds of the audience. He had never placed a living character on the stage and did not wish to see one. His characters were in his mind years before the play was written. He thus lived with his characters, became familiar with their thoughts and actions, and the play was merely the story of some event in their lives.



Rifle Association

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Rifle Association will be held in University College on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 4 p.m. It is hoped that Col. Otter, D.O.C., and Col. Delamere will be present to address the Association. The report for the past year will be read and officers for the ensuing year elected. It is hoped that all the members and a large number of those desiring to become members will be present at the meeting. It is the intention to raise the membership of the Association to 200 if possible, so that twenty-five additional rifles can be obtained from the Government. The question of winter shooting will also be discussed.



'Tis sweet to sit alone at ev'ning calm,
To let oblivion steal upon the soul,
And drop into the weariest mind a balm
Of precious healing; free, awhile, control,
From long and careful vigil over thought,
Unheeding all that is and all that's sought.
And, while without the gloaming wraps the
earth,
In sombre veiling, and the murmuring breeze,
And soft bird-voices join in breathing forth
Their nightly orisons from all the trees,
Silent, to view with flowing heart the scene,
Unmindful of the cares that may have been.
'Tis thus we foster in our hearts the love
Of Nature and her mighty God above.



Helen—You know they're twins and they agree in everything.

Alice—Yes. I notice that they make exactly the same deduction from their age.—Smart Set.

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Toronto, February 24, 1905

It is just a year ago since the organization of a Rifle Association in connection with the University was first proposed, and to-day the Association, with a membership of 135, is holding its annual meeting to elect officers for the season of 1905. It has now safely passed the experimental stage, and will always in the future include those whose knowledge of the workings of a Rifle Association will enable them to avoid any mistakes that have been made during the initial year of its existence.

The Association has been of great service in bringing the Faculty and the students together on common ground. Such personal relations between the students and the members of the staff must necessarily result in strengthening the ties between them.

An idea existed at the time of the formation of the Association that it stood for militarism and jingoism. It is hardly necessary to point out how far such a conception is from the truth. In a democratic community like ours the duty of keeping the country in a proper state of defence is left, in a large measure, to the will and pleasure of the individual citizen, and as a consequence no method of service, which the average man finds irksome or degrading, can succeed. Anything more elastic than the constitution of the Rifle Associations, in which the members elect their own officers, shoot when they please, and have no drill, can hardly be conceived.

Rifle-shooting, as a sport, is second to none. It takes the men out of the city and gives them a pleasant outing by the lakeside. It also tends to train and to strengthen the sight, a consideration which ought to recommend it to University

men particularly. It is a sport that lasts throughout one's lifetime, and unlike lacrosse, football or hockey, appeals to all sorts and conditions of men, the "plug," the athlete, and the society man.

We hope that a large number of new men will enroll themselves under the banner of the U. of T.R.A. for the coming year. We understand that it is the intention of the Association to increase its membership to 200, if possible, in order that additional rifles and ammunition may be obtained from the Government, and we commend it to all the students as an organization which deserves their hearty support.

In conclusion, we would urge upon the Association the advisability of taking part in the O.R. A. prize matches in August. The scores which were made at the Association competition last October justify us in expecting something from our marksmen, and we are sure that with constant practice they can secure a winning team. Varsity will be delighted to chronicle the successes of the "Royal Blue and White" in another field of endeavor.

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Dr. I. H. Cameron's suggestion in connection with the purchase of the Technical School and the equipment for use as a Students' Union is arousing very great interest among the undergraduates. We have not as yet sufficiently considered the different aspects of the scheme to write editorially on the matter, but Dr. Cameron's letter certainly has called forth considerable expression of opinion on the subject. For the most part such expression of opinion has been very favorable to the project.

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The class of 1895 will hold their first reunion on April 26th of this year. In the afternoon a reception will be given in the Undergraduate Union and Dean's house, and in the evening a dance and banquet. Three distinguished '95 men will be present, Mr. Norman Duncan, Mr. Hamar Greenwood and Mr. Arthur Stringer. One object of the reunion is to provide a scholarship in memory of two of their number, Mr. H. A. Harper, who was drowned in an attempt to save the life of another, and Mr. Jas. A. Tucker, late editor of Saturday Night.

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A full account of the Woman's Glee Club concert will be given in next week's issue. The event occurred too late for publication this issue.



Women Writers

Are Canadian women being just to Canadian women writers?

Here is a question of some importance. If what Canadian women write is Canadian literature—there are those who deny it—then it should receive as much consideration as that written by men. At present this is hardly the position of affairs. What the men write appeals to everybody; what the women write, being mostly of a lighter vein, may have less reason for general recognition. Hence the women of leisure, the women of breeding and education should see the literary work of their sisters is not overlooked.

I venture the assertion, and I do it with considerable knowledge of Canadian book-selling, that there are not 1,000 women in the whole of this broad country able to give the names of two Canadian women who have written a volume. Not long ago, two young women who were attending the Normal School in Toronto were taking tea with me. I asked them the name of their favorite Canadian author—and they hesitated. At first they confessed they didn't have any. Finally, one of them fancied she liked Gilbert Parker—the only Canadian author she could name. They knew Tennyson, Shakespeare, George Eliot, Pansy, Annie S. Swan and Marie Corelli; but of Canadian writers they were absolutely ignorant. Yet within two months, those two young women were licensed to teach in the public schools.

On my shelves I find the following novels by Canadian women:

By the Queen's Grace, Virna Sheard.
 A Maid of Many Moods, Virna Sheard.
 Trevelyan's Little Daughters, Virna Sheard.
 Little Lords of Creation, H. A. Keays.
 The Mormon Prophet, Lily Dougall.
 The story of Sonny Sahib, Mrs. Cotes.
 The Path of a Star, Mrs. Cotes.
 The Imperialist, Mrs. Cotes.
 Diane of Ville Marie, Blanche I. Macdonell.
 Cot and Cradle Stories, Mrs. Traill.
 Crowned at Elin, Stella E. Asling.
 Where the Sugar Maple Grows, Adeline M. Teskey.
 Gabriel Praed's Castle, Alice Jones.
 Bubbles We Buy, Alice Jones.
 The Night-Hawk, Alice Jones.
 The Untempered Wind, Joanna E. Wood.

A Daughter of Witches, Joanna E. Wood.
 Judith Moore, Joanna E. Wood.
 Farden Ha', Joanna E. Wood.
 Tilda Jane, Marshall Saunders.
 Rose à Charlitte, Marshall Saunders.
 Committed to His Charge, R. and K. M. Ijzars.
 Heralds of Empire, Agnes C. Laut.
 A Detached Pirate, Helen Milecete.

In addition there are a few volumes of poetry and one or two more serious books.

This is an inadequate collection, but I hope to enlarge it in the future. I buy only as I am able to read. Each of the above has received some attention, and there is not one that I care to part with. I want them for my children, and I hope that they will treasure them with pride as "Mother's Canadian books." It seems as if it would be more genuine, more meaning-full than "Mother's United States books."

Perhaps I am not setting a very high standard before me, but it seems impossible to understand the life of the country, if one does not examine it through the eyes of our cleverest women.

Mary Emerson in Canadian Magazine.



Calendar

Thursday, Feb. 23rd—Women's Glee Club Concert.
 Friday, 8 p. m.—University College Lit. Society.
 Saturday, 3 p. m.—University Lecture (illustrated) "After Images." Dr. A. H. Abbot. Chemical Building.
 Friday, March 3rd—Assault at Arms.
 March 7th—16th Annual Dinner of Faculty of Applied Science, at King Edward Hotel.
 March 31st—Annual Elections of Engineering Society.



Perplexing drama! Yet when all is done,
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 The part assigned us—but—how far we've won,
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 The answer all our hopes and aims would cling,
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 Ah life, thou art indeed a puzzling play!
 Thy scenes are varied, actors one and all,
 So bent on seeming real, they recall
 Scarce even to themselves that naught can stay,
 For background at the "finis" of the play,
 Except the grave, when answering to the call,
 They reappear to bow farewell to all,
 Then sleep awhile before the dawn of day.



Gym Notes

Tickets for the Assault-at-Arms, which is to come off next Friday night, March 3rd, are now on sale, and may be purchased from the secretary of the Athletic Association and from members of the Gymnasium and Fencing teams. The tickets for the dance (needed by men only) have been limited in number and are sold to University men only.

The list of entries for the Senior Fencing Tournament is already very large, and there is no doubt but that there will be a battle royal for the championship honors. The competitors will likely be divided into four groups, the winners of the different groups fighting off the semi-finals by sudden-death bouts, and the winners of these competing for the championship at the Assault on Friday night. Among the competitors are Galt, Vaughan, Snively, Addison, McQuesten, Jamieson, Burwash, Watt, MacDonald and Kenny. All entries should be in by Saturday, as the draws will probably take place Monday afternoon and the tournament begins at once.

The Meds. tug-of-war team have held several practices under the captaincy of George Strathy. He has a dozen men whose avoirdupois ranges round the 200 mark, and it looks as if the School men will have to pull some to win.

The Gymnasium team is showing up well and the men will give even a better exhibition than usual.



HOCKEY

Varsity 9, Queen's 8

Varsity sprang a surprise on Friday night, when they defeated Queen's by a score of 9 to 8. It was the last game in the Senior Intercollegi-

ate series and Queen's came down expecting an easy win, as they had easily defeated Varsity in Kingston. The result gives the championship to McGill, as Queen's had to win the last game to tie the standing.

The game was one of the best played here this season, being close and exciting from start to finish. Varsity won on their merits and at all times showed their superiority. The whole team worked like Trojans and played the best hockey they have done this season. The defence of Lash, Broadfoot and Montague was splendid, while the forwards showed great improvement in shooting and following back.

The first half ended with the score 5 to 3 in favor of Varsity. Thoms scored three of Varsity's goals, while Walsh scored all of Queen's.

In the second half Varsity got the first goal, making the score 6 to 3. Queen's then got three in quick succession, 6 to 6. Then it was a tie at 7 to 7 and at 8 to 8. Varsity pulled out with a minute to play from a goal on a long lift by Patton.

For Queen's, Mills in goal did excellent work, while Walsh and Farnham were the pick of the forwards. Macdonnell at point saved many goals.

The teams were:—

Queen's—Goal, Mills; point, Macdonnell; cover, Clarke; forwards, Walsh, Farnham, Williams, Richardson.

Varsity—Goal, Lash; point, Broadfoot; cover, Montague; forwards, Patton, Southam, Thoms, Martin.

Lou Burns refereed in a very able and impartial manner.

The men ruled off were:—Montague 6, Martin 2, Thoms 2, Lash, Richardson, Clarke, 3, Walsh 3, Southam, Williams 2, Farnham, Mills, Richardson and Broadfoot were temporarily injured.

Varsity's goals were scored by, Thoms 6, Martin 1, Patton 1, Southam 1.

Queen's goals were scored by Walsh 4, Farnham 4.

Varsity and the Marlboros will play for the city championship on Saturday night. From the form displayed against Queen's by the two



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teams, Varsity should win. Every student should be on hand to support the team.



Intercollegiate Dinner

The third annual dinner of the Intercollegiate Hockey Union was held on Friday night after the Varsity-Queen's game. The Queen's team were the guests of Varsity. The toasts were as follows:—"The King;" "The Intercollegiate Hockey Union," proposed by M. B. Baker, replied by M. Walsh; "Champions," Dr. W. G. Wood, C. H. Young, McGill, Ramsay, Varsity II; "Sister Unions," by W. H. McInnes, W. A. Hewitt, F. D. Woodworth; "Our Universities," by F. C. Jennings, Toronto, D. J. Mills, Queen's, T. L. Church, McGill, T. Peine, McMaster; "The Press," by C. G. Heyd, I. P. Burns; "The Ladies," by E. M. Henderson, G. Hynes.



Sen S.P.S 2, Dentals 0

Sen. S.P.S. defeated Dentals in the semi-finals for the Jennings Cup. The game was very close throughout, the result being in doubt until the last minute. The teams were:—

Sen. S.P.S.—Goal, Jepson; point Kribbs; cover, Mackenzie; rover, MacInnes; centre, Swan; right, Grasset; left, Cook.

Dentals—Goal, Hirtell; point, Chalmers; cover, Birtley; rover, Gorman, centre, Pettigrew; right, Cheney; left, Elliott.

Sen. S.P.S. 3, Junior Arts 1

The final game in the Jennings Cup series was played on Thursday between Sen. S.P.S. and Jun. Arts. Both teams showed good form and the game was interesting throughout. The first half ended a tie, one all, Davidson scoring for Arts and MacInnes for School. In the second half MacInnes and Swan scored for the School, while Arts failed to score. The teams were:—

Sen. S.P.S.—Goal, Jepson; point, Kribbs; cover, Mackenzie; rover, MacInnes; centre, Swan; right, Ross; left, Cook.

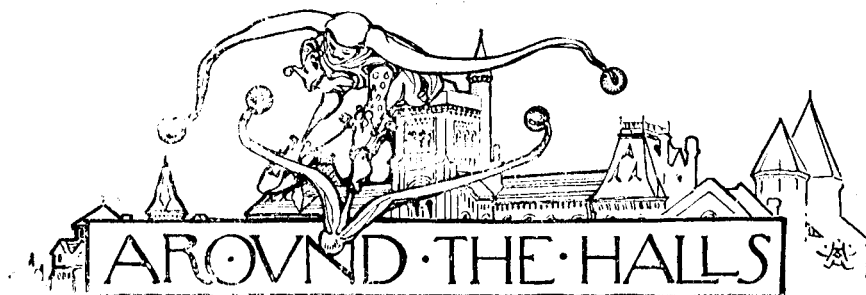
Jun. Arts—Goal, Keith; point, Lambert; cover, Boyd; rover, Davidson; centre, Fraser; right, Sherwood; left, Laidlaw.

Referee, Ralph Williams.



Intercollegiate Hockey Union

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Hockey Union was held on Saturday afternoon. A satisfactory financial report was presented. A resolution was passed instructing the Secretary to write a letter of condolence to Mr. McLaren, of Ottawa, expressing the Union's sympathy on the death of his son, John A. McLaren, formerly of Varsity. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. Pres., G. Y. Chowen, Kingston; Pres., M. B. Baker, B.A., A.C., Queen's; Vice-Pres., F. McKenna, McGill; Sec.-Treas., J. C. Sherry, Varsity; Rep. Varsity, C. V. Jamieson; Rep. McGill, H. I. Sims; Rep. Queen's, G. E. Richardson; Rep. McMaster, E. R. Fitch; Rep. R.M.C., Cadet Powell.



University College

The Arts' dance was, of course, the event par excellence of last week. It represents the acme and perfection of undergraduate skill in the matter of entertainment, and great credit is due to all the members of the committee which worked so faithfully and zealously to make the dance the success it undeniably was. The dance had an added and pathetic interest from the fact that many of the students regarded it as positively their last dissipation until after the dreaded May inquisition. Some were so moved by the spirit of asceticism and self-denial (infused by the next morning's lassitude and weariness) as to swear by every subject in the curriculum

henceforth to eschew dances, cigarettes, theatres and id genus omne of dissipations and idolatries, and to worship with unswerving piety the nine Muses and their kindred arts and sciences. So thick a cloud of vows rose to high heaven that Zeus undoubtedly was forced to increase his staff of bookkeepers in order to record in the celestial ledger all the oaths, protestations and abjurations. Some of the oaths, however, through a mistake in the address never went in this direction at all; and even if properly addressed they would never have passed the Olympian censor, because Zeus, be it understood, though greatly delighting in long, rolling, sonorous Hellenic execrations, has small liking for the barbaric, unmelodiousness of Saxon profanity.

Gladly would we give details of the dance, right willingly would we tell how many collars Jacl Sherry melted or how Hugh Scully went home were not those facts, like the song which the Sirens sang, beyond the art of man to discover. Without doubt there is abundant material for an epic and peradventure some bard is even now weaving the tale into verse; but meanwhile our heroes must remain unsung and their great deeds be half forgotten things.

Prof. Mavor, during a fourth year siesta, complained of the uncivil attentions of some flies which, on account of the heat, had appeared, thinking it was spring. Accordingly, to protect the unprotected, he drew from his pocket a black silk cap and with a solemn air placed it upon his head. Just at this moment one of the sleepers stirred, and opening his eyes in a half dazed manner, still clinging to some fragments of a dream, he saw before him, as he thought, the awe-inspiring form of a venerable judge about to pronounce sentence of death. Terror-stricken and stupefied he awaited the dreadful words of doom, and when none came was tortured beyond words by the suspense, and only returned to full consciousness when the professor raised his voice and continued his discourse upon free trade.

"Magnus vis orationis" is the inscription which the gold medal, awarded by the Knox College Theological and Literary Society for oratory last Friday evening, bears, and which has since become "le bon mot" of J. W. Gordon, the winner of the prize. According to the rules of contest, Mr. Gordon represented the Arts men in residence at Knox in competition against representatives from each of the three years in Theology, which reflects the more credit upon his oratorical powers, in having carried off the aethlon from the rostrum of a theological college, while he is yet a frequenter of the halls of Varsity, and also in that the contest this year was of an exceptionally high order. In "Hospitality" Mr. Gordon found a theme which gave scope for clear and impressive argument, vivid word-picturing, lofty imagination, sublime pathos and pleasant humor, all of which powers the speaker displayed in a well-balanced oration concluded in elegant English and delivered in a style, which had the true ring of the orator.

N. A. McF.

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Medicine

The meeting of the Medical Society called for Friday evening having proved a fiasco, it will be advisable for the members to give the subsequent one a much better patronage through a good attendance in order that amendments proposed by Malcolm Cameron, '05, may be thoroughly gone into, and we hope, also adopted. Without attempting

undue criticism of former or future Executives, it seems to us that the proposed changes, especially the second amendment, "that the Society should be consulted in the expenditure of its funds," are perfectly reasonable. No matter how careful or judicious the Society officers may be, it still remains their business to consult the wishes of the student body in some regular and representative way. With a more fixed understanding of business obligations there would be greatly improved interest in the public meetings, as well as a better satisfaction in automatic working methods, not only business-like but instructive for the promotion of a healthy activity in the routine of the Society. It is possible that the foregoing are only a prelude to other changes for the better of which later on, we may have some motion, granting that (as the last amendment has wisely suggested) we are allowed a perusal of the various rules and regulations now in force. Unfortunately as the year is now far advanced, very little will be done until the fall session, but as the old saw states:—"It's better late than never."

In announcing the expected but non-effective meeting of the Medical Society upon the blackboard Friday morning, the writer of the notice seems to have had a limited appreciation of the term "open" as applying to the student body in contradistinction to a meeting of the Executive. The majority of the students seem to have fancied the way was "open" for them to stay away. We would advise the originator of the notice to consult a dictionary before making future announcements.

Prof. Ellis seems fated to be confronted with a metamorphosing class. After the attendance has been taken by "Alec." for the weekly Toxicology lecture the latter has the bad fortune to meet downstairs a goodly number from the back benches, who had taken advantage of the Professor's turning to the blackboard to do the vanishing trick. "Bolting" is a trifle contagious, and quite a number have gained such proficiency in the business, that their future outlook as probable politicians is undeniably good. Whether the same applies to exams. is left to their own discretion.

The cold snap of last week had a very depressing effect upon the temperature in the vicinity of the third year lecture room. After repeated vocal requests for "more coal" and "fire" the climax was reached on Thursday morning when a Professor taking pity upon the refrigerated students kindly dismissed the lecture. Under such cheerful circumstances they could not avoid a little celebration which took place in an offering to the Muse, Terpsichore. Having repaired to the spacious quarters of the Reading Room, a dance was organized and for the space of one hour

numerous Meds. and their "ladies" indulged in the pleasure of "the light fantastic," amidst the sympathetic hilarity of their fellows. We desire to compliment the "feminae improvisantes" upon the gracefulness with which they accepted the frequent clumsy collisions that ensued through the carelessness of their partners.

We regret to report that I—d—y has been suffering from a bad cold last week. While attending clinics at St. Michael's the other day, he was noticed whilst in the midst of a paroxysmal coryzic outburst by a nurse, who was busy dispensing the afternoon allotment of diet to the patients. Considering him also one, she faithfully addressed him :—

"Will you have your plate now?"

"No thank you!" said he, "I—I—am—I—"

At this moment light dawned in the nurse's mind,—and somebody laughed.

There are a few mysteries still unsolved around the College. Although we have no Sherlock Holmes, it would be advisable for the peace of mind of the sophomores for someone to ascertain definitely whether I—ge has actually entered the ranks of the "engaged." It would be pleasing also for the third year to know why K—l—r so persistently demonstrates his daily haste to visit the nurses in the West Wing of the "General." Thirdly, it would be of general interest to learn the exact nature of the valentine Paul Frind is reported to have received on the 14th inst.

According to Dr. Powell, the chief object in setting a fracture is "we seek to give the person thus afflicted an artificial case or shell like that of a crab or lobster, which he not always is."

On Saturday morning for a brief-ten minutes the dancing fever was revived and the merry whirl was again repeated by men from various years. This grave error of dancing is averred by McI—n, as traceable to the bad example of such worthy members of the Y.M.C.A. as C—pb—ll, St—w—t and G—d—r.



Applied Science

The editors of this column are "plugging" for the exams. and forgot that Varsity was published last week.

Hewson and Sturdy are losing that careworn look. The Year Book must be progressing favorably.

"I worked two days at the Probability curve and find it as probable as ever."—H. S—t—h.

The freshmen are getting more daring and warlike every day. Recently about twenty of them stole into the second year Miners' drafting room, where one lone sophomore was working, and—the second year say that revenge is sweet.

Now that the end of their course is approaching two third year Civils are evidently thinking seriously of matrimony. Their attempts to attract the attention of the fair co-eds. as they pass the School are ludicrous, to say the least.

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Wycliffe Notes

Mr. Crarey wishes it to be distinctly understood that he was not born yesterday, nor brought up to-day. No doubt this fact will come as a surprise to many of his fellow students.

At last week's meeting of the Mission Study Class two excellent papers were read by Messrs. Carrie and Karp, on the possibility of evangelizing the world in this generation in view of some modern achievements. Under the able leadership of Mr. J. F. Gibson, some splendid work has been done by these meetings in the way of arousing greater interest in missionary work among the students, and it is to be deplored that more do not avail themselves of the opportunities they afford.

McMaster, that veteran of many a hard-fought struggle on the debating platform, went down before the onslaughts of old Wycliffe last Friday evening in the semi-final debate of the inter-college series. Our representatives, Messrs. H. R. Trumppour, M.A., and E. J. McIntyre, B.A., had the affirmative of the subject, "Resolved that governmental ownership of railways in Canada would be more beneficial than the present system." McMaster's representatives, Messrs. J. B. McLaurin and Geo. W. Gorman, were well supported by a large coterie of their fellow students, who occupied half the gallery. The judges, Messrs. E. Douglas Armour, K.C., A. H. F. Lefroy and J. S. Willison were of the opinion that McMaster had the best of the argument, but that the Wycliffe men surpassed them considerably in style, and they therefore awarded the victory to the affirmative. For our part, we think Wycliffe outdid her opponents both in matter and style, but we may be prejudiced. After the debate a most bountiful feed of fruit was

given by the Wycliffe students, in honor of their four victorious debaters of this year, Messrs. Trumppour, McIntyre, Grobb and Bilkey. We understand that the college matron is threatening us with another oyster supper, also, but "these things, you know, must be, after a famous victory."

Our dear Eustace on the night of the debate, sat not in the gallery as is his wont, nor yet did he sit alone. Some attraction or other drew him away from the college directly after the debate, but he returned, with characteristic thoughtfulness, ere yet the refreshments were no more. When called upon to give expression to his feelings he thus began, "I'm sure our hearts are all overflowing to-night." Needless to say he got no further. As his remark was somewhat indefinite and generalized, we do not know whether he wished us to understand that congratulations are in order, or not. No doubt Messrs. McElheran, Bell, Ben-Oliei, Spriggs, Perry and Stanley can tell us what he meant.

Rev. W. F. Francis, B.A., of Ivy, Ont., visited the college last week.

Mr. Andrew, in summing up his expression of supreme disgust of the McMaster yell says it is utterly "contestible." Will Mr. Connor kindly explain?

Rev. Canon Dixon delivered a most helpful address in the college chapel last week.

The following titles for new books have been suggested by a contributor: The Wanderings of Cain Collier; The Sorrows of Satan Stanley; The Reincarnation of Krishna Carrie or John Carrie's Picking Up; The Law of Recurrence of Rural Types; The Degeneration of Purdie; Reminiscences of Raymond—by an Old Jake; A Peep into the Strongboxes of Canadian Sovereigns.

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 Noiseless as Dawn her fairy feet,
 Whiter than pearls of ocean's bed,—
 Those tiny tears by the angels shed—
 Are the teeth which gleam through the lips rose-
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III.

Her beauty not alone doth lie
 In that which most doth please the eye,
 Her face and form do mirror forth
 Beauties within of greater worth.
 Of evil is her only dearth.
 My Valentine.

IV.

Her form is of such perfect mold
 As naught save truth and love may hold
 Her every thought, her lightest motion
 Bespeak a faithful heart's devotion;
 Deep hath she drunk of Cupid's potion,
 My Valentine.

V.

Queen of my heart, so fair, so true,
 How shall I tell my love to you?

How hope in lifeless words to tell
 With what fond love my heart doth well?
 Oh wilt thou not my fears dispel,
 My Valentine?

C.L.B., '05.



Knox College

Dr. Waneless, medical missionary, addressed the students on Friday evening on the vices and virtues of the Indian peoples. It was bristling with facts and interesting to the core.

Mr. McLean, lecturer in elocution at University College, addressed the students regarding the formation of a University Parliamentary Union on Tuesday evening. Delegates were appointed to attend a conference on the matter soon.

Mr. H. M. Paulin has gone to his home at Arthur to nurse an attack of tonsilitis.

Walter McLean has just returned at the hour of going to press from a week's sojourn in the country. Ask Walter if the snow is deep.

The oratory contest on Friday evening drew quite a large audience. The boys in the gallery saw here and there among the crowd a student more fortunate than themselves, in that he was a happy lady's escort. They wreaked their jealousy in various ways, gaining much satisfaction thereby. Miss Ivy Kerr delighted everyone with her violin selections, and Miss Ora Wilkinson's vocal numbers were repeatedly encored.

Dr. MacLaren conducted the midday Saturday services.

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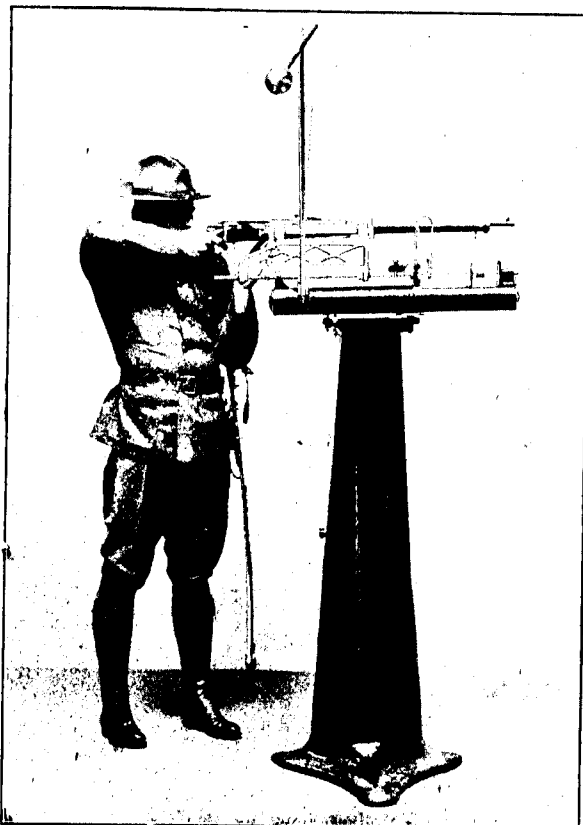
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