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MEDS HAVE NAMED THEIR CANDIDATES

A Number of Good Men Nominated to Fill the Offices of the Society

ELECTIONS FRIDAY NIGHT

A Brief Sketch of the Chosen Candidates—A Lively Time Expected

The old school on Gerrard Street was thronged with an excited crowd of Meds last Friday afternoon, it being the occasion of the nominations for the offices of the Medical Society. As the hour for which the meeting was called approached, the Freshmen and Sophs bustled in, all eagerly discussing the coming meeting and talking about the men who were already considered as kings in the field. No sooner had these unsuspecting youths entered the portals of the Meds mansion than they were waylaid by energetic juniors, and filled with the praises of some aspiring candidate, whom they had perhaps never seen, but whom they ardently promised to support. Such is the innocence of these boys without guile. However, let them be happy while they may as the time will soon come when they shall see that all is not as it seems, and though they may be burnt by the flame, yet their experience should be taken to heart, so that they in their turn may educate the medical students yet unborn.

Four-thirty was the time set for the meeting, and shortly after that hour President Cecil Holmes called the boys to order. A new constitution had been drawn up since the previous meeting, and he proceeded to wade through rules and sections without number. When he had finished, there were a few questions asked and explanations given, and then the new constitution was adopted. Now came the interesting part, and when the president called for nominations for Hon. Treasurer, the boys felt so happy that they elected Dr. Boyd by acclamation. The other nominations brought out the following men:—President, E. Flatt, R. Y. Parry, P. L. Scott and T. H. Wilson; Vice-President, J. A. Campbell, and W. Hamilton; Corresponding Secretary, H. Dittrick, and W. F. McKay; Treasurer, N. L. Rogers, (acclamation); Recording Secretary, W. A. Cerswell and Alex. Steele; Curator, Messrs. Coates, Doran, Parent and Wright; Assistant Treasurer, Jones and Ansley; Councillors, Gray, Smith, Charlton and King.

The above list is a very representative one and any man selected should prove worthy. Of the candidates for the presidency a few words wouldn't be amiss.

Mr. Flath is of the good-natured, easy-going variety, and his pleasant face and jocular smile will win him not a few votes.

Paul L. Scott, whose dark and penetrating eyes show cleverness beyond the ordinary, is more retiring, and probably the most bashful of the four, yet in a contest he should prove a dangerous foe.

"Bob" Parry is a good head, and one of our handsomest boys. His moustache is irresistible, and that fluffy curl of hair, hanging low over the forehead, has broken many a feminine heart.

"Thea" Wilson, or "Holy Bill," as he is familiarly called, is not by any means of the least, because he happens to be last. He is well-known among all the students, for a conscientious worker, a good sport (in the right time), and an all round fine fellow; he should make an excellent run.

Howard Dittrick, who is running for corresponding secretary, is inordinately bashful, but is well liked for this very reason.

Mr. McKay, his opponent, is also a little backward, but since his moustache has attained its full growth his diffidence is disappearing. It is difficult to pick the winner between these two.

N. L. Rogers captured the boys by storm, and was elected to the position of treasurer by acclamation. He is a good fellow, and will handle the coin well.

The elections take place Friday evening from 6.30 to 8, and a big time is expected. The entertainment will be new and original, as was explained in last week's issue, and should draw a large crowd. Every student is invited to come and bring his friends; but unfortunately we cannot include the ladies in this invitation.

OPEN MEETING OF NATURAL SCIENCE

Will be Held Thursday Evening, February 16th—The Program

The open meeting of the Natural Science Association will be held this year on Thursday evening, Feb. 16th, in the Biological building. This meeting has always been considered a most interesting event around Varsity and the program this year will be as usual, of a high order. Among the num-

bers will be an address by Prof. Ramsay Wright; "Fire and Fire-building," by Dr. Ellis; a reading, by H. F. Cook; piano solo, by W. C. Klotz; violin solos, by W. W. Beardmore and Miss K. Patterson; songs, by a quartette, and selections by the Banjo Club. At the conclusion of the program the Museum will be open for inspection.

ASSAULT-AT-ARMS

Some New Features this Year—Takes Place Early in March

Just as the Athletic Association Dance, late in the fall term, heralds the close of all the outdoor sports commenced at the beginning of the term, so the annual Assault-at-Arms, to be held this year early in March, is an event declaratory of the fact that the long winter training indoors has reached its consummation.

Instructor Williams has had his class picked for this year's tournament since the opening of the term, and is diligently engaged in training the boys and getting up some novel tricks on the apparatus. An extra thick mattress has lately been added, and found to develop a surprising amount of new courage in the boys. The class drill will probably be performed more largely on the "horse" than the horizontal bar this year, as instructor Williams, with his wonderful ingenuity has devised some neat and clever performances on the "horse," which the class are "getting on to" very well. The muscular gymnasts were hoping to have their entertainment made more novel and attractive by the participation of the more genteel but skillful ladies of the foil. However the powers behind the Board (athletic) had reserved their sanction and the tournament will be strictly all male.

It is to be regretted that neither of the field champions of '97 or '98 appear at all; indeed the whole personnel is to a large extent changed, and funny men for clowns are at a premium. The question as to whether the tournament will be held by invitation or ticket has not yet been decided by the Directorate with whom the important matter rests. It is to be hoped, however, that the Athletic Association will let this exhibition be an opportunity for the members to pay off obligations to their many city friends. This branch of gymnasium work has few opportunities to receive popular commendation, and those interested in it should be encouraged in every possible way.

WOMEN'S LIT "AT HOME"

A Large Number of Guests Expected at this Function Saturday Evening—The Program

Invitations are out for the Women's Literary Society's annual "At Home," to be held Saturday, February 4th, in the University Gymnasium. The invitation list numbers some five hundred names, the great majority of which consist of the Faculty and their wives, the women graduates and the undergraduate body of the University. The hours set are from 7 to 9. A reception will be held during the first part of the evening, and dainty refreshments served by the ladies in the reading room. The following interesting program will then be rendered in the Literary Hall:

Instrumental duet, Misses Lang and Mason; vocal solo, Miss Mae Dickenson; trio, the Misses Evans and Covert; recitation, Miss Lamb; vocal quartette, Misses Kennedy, Robertson, Wegg and Hughes; violin solo, Miss K. Patterson; "Place aux Dames," dramatis personae, Lady Macbeth, Miss G. Burgess; Portia, Miss L. M. Wright; Ophelia, Miss E. M. Neilson; Juliet, Miss Sheppard.

This will conclude the program so far as stated facts appear, but rumor has it strongly that an informal adjournment will be made thereafter to the Gymnasium, where the presence of the orchestra and the ideal accommodation of the place will afford a short indulgence in the ever popular amusement.

VARSITY AND KNOX TO MEET IN DEBATE

The Final Oratorical Contest takes Place Friday Evening, February 17, in Association Hall

The final debate of the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union will be between Varsity and Knox and will be held in Association Hall, on Friday evening, Feb. 17. This event promises to be a very large affair, as a program of unusual excellence is being arranged besides the debate which will be the hardest fought of the whole series. Varsity will probably be represented by Messrs. W. H. Alexander and T. A. Russel and Knox by either W. Findlay, B. A., or T. Aiken, M. A. and T. R. Robinson, B. A. The musical and literary part of the program will be provided by men from the different Colleges of the Union. The judges will be Dr. Parkin, Prof. Clark and perhaps Prof. Goldwin Smith. On the platform will be Hon. G. W. Ross and the presidents of the different Colleges. In order to meet the expenses of this occasion a small admission fee will likely be charged.

CLASS OF '99 TO HAVE A CLASS WEEK

The Days Preceding Commencement to be a Time of Pleasure

SOME THINGS SUGGESTED

A Series of Athletic Games and Excursion Parties Proposed

It is now almost four years ago since the class of Ninety-nine first knocked at the doors of the University of Toronto. Four years! It is almost impossible to believe it, and yet you cannot do otherwise if you happen to stroll along the corridor of a morning and listen for a moment to the talk that is going on around you. One man is saying, "well, we are on the home stretch now, old fellow." Another is overheard asking a friend, "what will you be doing in the autumn?" while a third wishes that he had just one more year to spend in lecture room and campus. Yes, the academic sun of Ninety-nine is sinking, and very, very soon even its golden after-glow will be only a memory.

It is admitted that the present Fourth-year has been an exceptionally brilliant one. In every branch of University life they have made records which will stand for a long time, and have produced men whose equals either in purely intellectual or administrative gifts are not likely to arise for some years at least. As regards scholarship, which after all must be one of the chief aims of the University, Ninety-nine can boast of many a student who will bring distinction to himself and his Alma Mater in the days to come. Several of the best of these are preparing to prosecute their studies in foreign centres of learning, and if they maintain the record they have themselves created in the halls of Toronto University.

In the domain of sport the athletes of Ninety-nine have ever been to the front. It is a well-known fact that it has always had far more than a proportionate representation on the various teams—whether they be Rugby, lacrosse or baseball—which have upheld the Blue and White on a hundred fields. Nor must it be supposed that this majority of Ninety-nine men on the "fifteen" or the "nine" was due to any "pull" or influence: not at all; it was because they were the best men for the place. But they have done something more than merely man the teams. Ninety-nine has reconstructed the Athletic Association in the effort to centralize the administration—no small achievement.

In other departments Ninety-nine has not been in the rear. It has successfully launched the Intercollegiate Debating Union—an organization which promises to be of great benefit to all the colleges of Toronto. Many of the men of Ninety-nine have made quite a reputation as writers, several of them are contributors to magazines and periodicals of repute, and there is a bright prospect before them if they devote themselves to literature.

But enough has already been said to prove the statement made, that Ninety-nine has ever been restless to push through to success what it has undertaken. And it might be thought that with such a record behind it, the present senior year would be content to rest on its oars and float on the tide of its fame to graduation day. But no, such is not the case. Ninety-nine has something yet to do, and its last effort bids fair to be its greatest. The new project is this: It has often been noticed that time hangs very heavy on the hands of the men who have just written their last exams, and who are waiting in anxious expectancy in the city for commencement. So with characteristic enterprise Ninety-nine has resolved to turn those lagging days into a week of gaiety. A whole series of entertainments will be got up to make all the new graduates enjoy themselves and "drive dull care away," nothing has been definitely fixed upon yet, but a great many proposals are being discussed. Theatre parties are already on the tapis. There could be scarcely anything more pleasant than these, though there would be an element of sadness about them too, for the shadow of parting would be over all. Yet to go once more to the Grand or the Princess with fellows one has often gone with before, to cement old friendships what is there finer, even if it be sad? Then there is dinner parties, when the men, who have grown to know one another during four years, will gather to drink their last toast together—to drink to the Queen, the College, and the Class of which they have all been members. Others again speak of getting up a day of field sports, when the field athletics of Ninety-nine could once more join in friendly contest ere they separate to the four corners of the earth. Another project is to organize a big excursion somewhere—most probably across to Niagara, or perhaps a moonlight sail on

that great lake which laves the feet of the city which has sheltered them for the happiest years of their lives.

Such is the plan—one may rest assured it will be carried into execution. When Ninety-nine once puts its hand to the plough it has not been wont to turn back, nor will it now.

LAST WEEK AT THE LIT

Mock Parliament still Continues to Draw Large Houses—Important Measures Passed

The "Eleventh Parliament of the Dominion," with its epoch-making measures is already with the Pharaohs, but its legislative thoughts will live forever! Its fast Atlantic line, its refrigerator route to the Klondike, its cooking school for Varsity girls, its provision for a Poet Laureate, legacies for the Highland men, and straightjackets for cheeky freshmen, called forth thoughts at once weighty and witty.

Colonel H. M. S. Banwell rose slowly and with dignity. He endeavored with all the reserve and complacency becoming his high rank and class to impress the Honorable Speaker and House with the extreme importance of all matters contained in the "Speech." General Hamilton soon sprang to his side and assistance. But vain, seemingly, was their eloquence and that of the Hon. Premier, R. G. Hunter, for the cool, cutting leader of the Opposition, Sir Alexander Mackenzie Wilson, with his Oriental reminiscences, was irresistible. Puns and witticisms were soon suggestively rife. "Sandy" Macleod of Knox proved himself to be a true step-son of Auld Scotia. And did ye no hear him?

Last Friday's session was between the third and fourth years; the coming one will be between the freshies and the sophs. The speeches will be limited, as at last meeting, in their temporal loquaciousness, but the third party, composed of the other two years, will be expected to make their superior humor also felt. Last Friday the juniors were given the honorable and well-merited honor of the chair.

The president, Dr. Wickett, congratulated the society on possessing once more the old chair of its forefathers. The chair, according to information given the president, was originally built for Moss Hall. McKim-peace to his name!—had its head amputated, and the chair itself converted into a professional bower. It has now been restored to its original form, re-upholstered in leather, and set in position in its new home.

Mr. John MacKay, the first vice and financier of the Conversat, gave welcome and glowing news of the progress of conversational arrangements. The price of tickets has been reduced this year to \$1.25 for gentlemen, and \$1.00 for ladies. The opinion is fast gaining ground that tickets will be quickly snapped up. And as it is desired above all that this year's Conversat should be a genuine academic function, the students are urged to secure their tickets as soon as possible. The committee have decided to limit the number to be sold, so that ladies and others will suffer no inconvenience. Other points of information will be found in another column.

As the president and speaker remarked at the close of the session, it is advisable for the members to direct their batteries at their respective opponents only as regards the political life and actions of the latter. This healthy parliamentary tradition should, indeed, be more attentively observed.

WOMEN'S LIT MEETING

An Interesting Debate Between Members of the First and Second Years.

A very good number of women undergrads and their friends was present at the "Co eds." Lit meeting last Saturday evening. The program was one of the best of the year. The Ladies' Glee Club showed their particular utility to college circles by contributing a couple of chorus selections. The event to which the serious attention and enthusiasm of the evening was directed was the first round of the Inter-year debates. The question was: "Resolved: That a University education best fits a girl for after life in any sphere." The argument fell between the Sophomore and the Freshettes, the Affirmative being upheld by Misses Marshal and Fraser, '02, who won, and the Negative stoutly fought for, but in vain, by Misses Wicher and Gundry, '01.

A humorous selection "The Joke Club," as delivered by Miss Denis, '00, caused much amusement. The chief number on the program was the production of the play—"The Iconoclast." The frequency of these little plays on the programs of the Women's Lit meetings show that the dramatic art is in actual practice among the girls; while the great interest which they create among the Lit corners, is evidence of the worth of their productions. The general University public will be afforded an opportunity of seeing one of these plays, heretofore rendered only in their Sanctum Sanctorum, as one is announced on the program of the Women's Literary Society's "At Home" for February 4th.

THIS WEEK IN MOCK PARLIAMENT

An Innovation Introduced into the House

FIRST AND SECOND YEARS

Several New Measures of Utmost Importance to be Discussed

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

We have much pleasure in welcoming you to this twelfth Parliament of Canada, and in congratulating you upon the marked prosperity of the country. Our exports have enormously increased, the railroads and shipping interests are all flourishing, and the agricultural condition of the country is such as to promise continued advance in national prosperity. We have every confidence that under the ministry which has again received the approval of the electorate, the country will make every great stride in the future that it has made in the past.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The following measures will be proposed for your consideration:—

1. To extend the Intercolonial Railroad to Parry Sound.
2. To grant a charter to the G.T.R. to build a line to the Pacific coast.
3. To establish a differential tariff in favor of the British West Indies.
4. To authorize the removal of the principal Ladies' Colleges of Toronto into closer proximity to Varsity.
5. To extend the franchise to lady graduates of Toronto University until such time as they enter upon a state of connubial felicity.
6. To amend the Redistribution Act so as to give the "Lit" a representative in parliament.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

You will be asked to vote supplies for the following purposes:—

1. To build a partition six feet high through the centre of the Library-Reading Room to prevent stolen glances.
2. For a fast line of transatlantic freighters from Paspebiac, N.B.
3. To aid Toronto University in erecting a Convocation Hall.
4. To deepen Toronto harbor.
5. To establish a secular College for the Russian Doukhobors, with Sir John C. Mackintosh, A.B.C., X.Y.Z., as chief push.

Premier and President of the Council, Sir Richard J. Hamilton, K.C.B.; Minister of Finance, Hon. Robert M. Stewart; Minister of Public Works, Hon. John Wilson Cunningham; Minister of Justice, Hon. W. Mac. Mackay, L.L.D.; Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Wm. J. Loughheed; Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Admiral Edward Brown; Minister of Trade and Commerce, Sir Ernest R. Paterson; Minister of Railways and Canals, J. Alex. Soule, D.D.; Minister of Militia and defense, Gen. Tarte Hills, K.C.M.; Minister of Interior, Hon. Herbert T. Wallace; Postmaster General, Count Neil R. Gray, P.O.; Secretary of State, Earl Egbert Carson; Solicitor-General, Hon. H. H. Allen, Q.C.; Controller of Customs, Sir Albert MacRae; Controller of Inland Revenue, Archibald Mullin, P.C.; Ministers without Portfolio, A. Cohen, W. C. Bray.

John Wycliffe Monds, A. L. Burch, Alex. MacDougall will be gazzeted a Royal Commission to investigate the charges against certain freshmen who used sophomores as toboggans at the hustle.

Gen. Van Wick, Lord Victor of Slippery Slope, will be appointed Varsity's representative to Tampa.

The front benches of the opposition will be occupied by the following members:—Messrs. Kylie, Cassidy, Miller, Aylesworth, Brophy, Wilcox, Chapman, Robertson, Coyne, Lockhart, Carson, Brown, Fisher, Deroche.

BEQUEST TO KNOX COLLEGE

Mr. James W. Brown of Chatham Leaves the Institution the Handsome Sum of \$50,000

Mr. James W. Brown, a native of Paisley, Scotland, and for the last thirty years a resident of Chatham, died on Thursday. Beside one or two bequests, he has left the residue of his estate to Knox College for the endowment of one of its chairs of Theology or for the endowment of Bursaries, as in the wisdom of the College Board seems most desirable. The Rev. Dr. Warden visited Chatham in connection with Mr. Brown's funeral, and reports that the residue of the estate coming to Knox College will amount to about \$50,000.

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Heard in the Halls.

The next issue of COLLEGE TOPICS, Feb. 7th., will be the last for this term.

President Loudon is confined to the house with an attack of gripe.

The Wycliffe "At Home" will be held Friday evening of this week.

Miss M. M. Cawthorpe, '97, is on the staff of the Fairfield Ohio Ladies' College.

The Conversat invitation card this year is larger than heretofore and looks well.

The Varsity men at the Hamilton School of Pedagogy were defeated in the recent elections at that institution.

"Tommy" Colclough has been greatly missed at the Library these past few days. He is confined to his room with a severe cold.

R. J. Hamilton, '02, as representative of the First Year in University College, enjoyed the hospitality of the Victoria freshmen at their reception on Friday evening last.

As usual, the attendance at the Mock Parliament last Friday, was very large. Let everyone turn out this week with their political orations and their quiver of witticisms.

Invitations have been extended to the executives of several of the clubs at Varsity for Mrs. McCurdy's "At Home," to be held on Tuesday evening next, from half past four to seven o'clock.

Queen's will meet Varsity on the platform in this city on Friday evening, Feb. 24th. Messrs. J. H. F. Fisher, '99, and R. S. Laidlaw, '00, will fight for Varsity. The subject of debate has not yet been chosen.

The Graduate's Committee of the Conversat has added to itself several past presidents of the Lit. Messrs. J. M. Clark, Bristol, Irwin and Young. Some 400 tickets are to be sent out to graduates in Toronto, Hamilton and elsewhere.

A chapter of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Fraternity was founded at the University of Toronto last Friday evening. The ceremonies took place in the new Chapter's rooms, after which a banquet was held at Webb's. A large number of prominent D. K. E. men from New York, Yale University, University of Rochester and elsewhere were present.

T. A. Russel and F. W. Anderson, '99, represented Varsity at Montreal last week in the annual Varsity-McGill debate. Although the decision was given to McGill, it is reported that Varsity men put up an exceedingly strong debate. The question under discussion was: "Resolved, that the adoption of a system of arbitration between civilized nations is practical and is the best guarantee of peace."

The outlook for the Baseball Club tour through the Eastern States this spring, is very encouraging. Several dates have already been arranged, and the prospects are that the club will meet most of college teams in New York state, Massachusetts and Connecticut. The team will begin active practice in the near future, and it looks as if Varsity will be well represented on the diamond this year.

On Monday evening last Professor and Mrs. Fraser invited the executive committee of the Modern Language Club to dinner at their residence in Madison avenue. Besides the host and hostess those present were Miss Alexander, Miss Hutchison, Miss Dickson, W. A. R. Kerr, J. B. Hunter, B. A. Simpson, R. M. Millman and W. Gray. A very enjoyable evening indeed was spent.

The Modern Language Club has arranged the following program for the Easter term: Feb. 6th., "Notes on Modern Germany and its people," by Dr. Needler; Feb. 13th., "Stephen Crane" and "Anthony Hope," by Miss McDonald; Feb. 20th., "Sa'dou," by Mr. Goodhue, and "Edouard Rod," by Miss Dickson; Feb. 27th., "Humour and Satire of the First Rogue Story," by Prof. Fraser. On March 6th the Club will hold its annual spring meeting.

Next Monday afternoon the students of the University are promised a treat in the shape of a lecture by Dr. Needler on "Present-day Germany and its people." Dr. Needler is known as a keen and enthusiastic student of all things German, and as he will speak from personal observation, his audience can depend on getting a most interesting picture of the life and ideals of the modern German. The lecture will be given in Room 4, at four o'clock, next Monday, February 6th.

The program of the Mathematical and Physical Society for the Easter term will be as follows: Feb. 3rd., The Problem of Contact Electricity, by Dr. Scott; Feb. 10th., The Mathematics of the Middle Ages and the Renaissance, by C. Engler, '01; Feb. 17th., Open Meeting; Mar. 3rd., Geometry, by J. H. McDonald, B. A., Modern Mathematics by A. G. McPhedron, '01, and Physical Experiments by Miss E. Bell and Miss A. Lick; Mar. 17th., Euclid's theory of Equations by J. G. Glashan, The Infinitesimal Calculus as treated by Newton and Leibnitz by H. J. Dawson, B. A.

The residents of 59 Czar street have for some time past been divided into several religious sects, whose differences finally became so pronounced that they unanimously resolved to decide the question of superiority by a game of hockey, in which Daniel's Band should defend one goal, and a combination of the Mormons and the Elect the other. The long talked of game took place Tuesday evening on the Victoria College Rink, and thousands of interested spectators lined the sides of the rink at seven o'clock, when the following men took their places on the ice: Daniel's Band—M. Telford, goal; B. A. Cohoe, point; S. A. Dickson, J. L. Allan, R. V. Le Sueur, forwards. Elect-Mormons—T. A. Russell, goal; R. Telford, point; D. E. Kilgour, W. H. Alexander, I. Brown, forwards. Tom Russel not being used to skates, was conveyed to his position on a trolley, and propped in position with four-inch timbers; while "Killy," after making a bold dash on the ice, found the attraction of gravity too strong for him and succumbed to the inevitable. But trifle, like this worried none of the brave hearts on either side, and everyone braced himself when referee John J. Gibson cleared his throat and blew the foghorn which was the official announcement of the beginning of the game. After J. Lorn and "Willie" had disentangled their sticks, the puck was set in motion, and never got a rest for the next half hour. To attempt to describe the encounter would be useless, for the players themselves found the English language insufficient to express their feelings. Bob Telford was frequently detected talking old High German, and Dick Lesueur spluttered in Hellenic. The Elect-Mormon combination rushed the game at first and woke up the Daniel's Band goal-keeper twice in succession to tell him they had scored. But the wrath of the righteous was fearful when aroused, and despite Tommy's scantlings and baseball mask, the faithful tallied three times. Half-time was now called, and as referee Gibson had several times manifested a desire to get into the game in the first half, he was put on defence and Max Telford assumed the judicial position. The Mormons were in bad shape when the second half began; "Killy" and "Billy" were rolling like ships in a heavy sea, and played like wooden Indians outside a cigar shop. The consequence was that "Tommy" soon had another bruise for the arnica bottle to deal with. But there were other heres on the ice besides those previously named, and Wooden John felt the puck soon wander between his feet as he leaned over the fence to tell the man he was the whole tip in goal. And yet once again did the Elect Mormons paralyze the Daniel's Band defence, and the ominous "plunk" on the fence behind the poles spoke softly to John of a coming release. But he was saved that indignity by the fact that the rink manager announced that the soc worth of play was over and that consequently the Sects would have to take up another special self-denial collection to enable them to settle their differences at some other time. Each team then according to custom cheered for itself and left the ice.

Everybody personally congratulated Ben Cohoe on the way he held the fort when shots were coming.

Large numbers of the Mormons' wives were seen in the audience. We understand they were all deadheaded in by Brigham Young's influence.

Among the casualties of the game reported are:—Mr. Allan, face bent; Mr. Lesueur feelings injured; Mr. Kilgour, head frozen.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY

The final debate in the series of Inter-Year debates took place at the meeting of the Literary and Scientific Society on Friday evening. The newly-elected President, Mr. R. B. Simpson, '99, opened the evening's proceedings with a neat little speech, and before the debate Miss Cohoon, '00, favored the audience with an instrumental solo. Then the four worthy combatants did battle royal over the question "Resolved, That Gladstone had done more for England than Bismarck had for Germany." Messrs. A. McNeill, '01, and R. E. Ecklin, '01, represented Sophomore year and contended with all the force of logic, facts and eloquence that Gladstone had accomplished more for England than Bismarck did for Germany. Messrs. Huddelston and Lamont of the Freshmen year, held on the other hand that their opponents were mistaken and they maintained their position very strongly, as the result shows. Before the Judge had summed up the arguments of both sides, Mr.

H. W. Newman, '99, entertained the audience with an instrumental solo, which was encored. Dr. Newman then gave the decision in favor of the negative; and thus the palm of victory in the Inter-Year series of debates for this college year falls upon the Freshman year.

On last Wednesday evening the capacious and well-furnished rooms of Lord Swibo, of Rocky Mountain fame and scientific celebrity, was the scene of a brilliant gathering of all the wit and learning that wanders in such superfluity around the old halls. Canus was there with his sober semi-humorous countenance, and "Mein Herr," with his dainty little Parisian moustache and keen sense of all that is laughable and nice. Chilliwack, of Siwash renown and witty conversation, presided during the evening at the festive board, which was loaded with delicious viands from far away lands and served up on the finest chinaware, direct from Honolulu. Truly it was a feast of the giants. The scar-worn veteran of recent combats in the arena of logic and debate, gathered there to find the soothing balm which comes from the companionship of kindred minds. Orators were there who might vie with a Demosthenes in contests for crowns of honor and renown. After the festivities of the evening had been accomplished speeches were made, full of wit and humor, such as breathe the contagion of mirth and laughter. The irrepressible Peter touched the giants with his wand and several awoke to the occasion and poured forth such volumes of eloquence and wit that might well have caused Prometheus, slumbering beneath Etna, to turn on his side and wonder whether the centuries had not changed their revolution and the times of the heroes of Homer had not returned; but all good things come to an end, and so with these festivities. During the small hours, while yet the sun was throwing its beams on other regions of terra firma, these worthy knights of learning and erudition strolled away to their respective homes laden with the relics of battle, and the midnight prowler might have seen them, like ghosts, gliding along in the darkness with their stoneware and skeletons of noble fowls slain in the fray. Truly, it was a noble repast, and of the fragments twelve baskets were gathered.

On Saturday morning the McMaster and Victoria Hockey teams came together on the Victoria Rink for a friendly contest with each other and to chase the elusive puck. McMaster's team this year is stronger than last year, and with faithful practice ought to make a good showing. Victoria scored two goals before McMaster woke up, then McMaster scored five goals before half time. In the second half McMaster scored three more before Victoria scored their third goal. The final score was 9-3 in favor of McMaster. McLay, Simpson and Baker put up a strong game. McMaster was represented by: Goal, Farr; Point, Baker; Cover point Sprague; Forwards, McDonald, McLay, Simpson and Sayles.

PRIMARY MEDICAL

There is only one topic under discussion at present around the medical department, and the orators, stump-speakers and party heelers of the primary years, are doing their share. Pre-election promises, as a rule, should be discounted. Last year each of the candidates for president spoke of wholesale reforms and improvements, but it would puzzle even a keen observer to find any of these. However, it was ever thus. We haven't heard the various platforms of the four presidential candidates, but we have heard many of the "free and independent electors" of the primary years declaring that no candidate will receive their support who is not prepared to advocate and endeavor, in every reasonable manner, to bring into effect a more liberal expenditure of the Medical Society funds for the west wing of the Biological. Our reading room should be provided with more papers and magazines. It is simply impossible for so many as constitute the first two years to get anything like a ghost of a fair show to see the two copies of the daily papers provided. There is ample space in the room, and sufficient funds in the society to make the west end reading room a great deal more comfortable.

Messrs. Christie and Rutherford of the second year have taken a new interest in materia medica and last Friday's lecture, when Prof. Heebner mentioned that the hair grows more actively under a course of Jabard. They hope in time to get their pates covered again. Some others might try it on those downy upper lips.

Numerous petty thefts have been reported from the cloak rooms lately, chiefly rubbers, gloves and books. Rubbers, or even gloves may get mixed; but a book usually has the owner's name as a distinguishing mark. It is to be hoped the active parties will see the error of their way.

Mr. Kergan, '02, was the delegate from the primary Y.M.C.A. to the provincial convention in Brockville last week. He will present a report at the meeting next Sunday morning.

The supplemental Practical Chemistry results were posted last week—no one was black-balled.

Captain Treble, '01, had his hockey players out to practice Wednesday afternoon, on Victoria Rink, against men of that College. A good practice war obtained, though Gordon in goal was scarcely a success. He is a football man, and they say every time he saw the puck coming he wanted to go over

the line for a touch-down. As a rule he got down O.K. Training will doubtless remedy this and other weak points, so that our team may be heard from in the series of games.

Nine members of one of the primary years reported a pleasant interview with President Loudon last week; but that part of the report which stated that the University exchequer was richer in consequence of this visit, is said to be a jest.

DENTAL COLLEGE

Siamese twins.—Barrett and Fitzgerald. I am not on the roll with common men.—Dr. D. D. Ross.

With a little bunch of whiskers on his chin.—Wray.

Tell me true, have I missed my calling, Mr. Phrenologist?—Gallagher.

There was all the world and his wife.—Humpidge.

Whose little body lodged a mighty mind?—C. B. Bell.

I'll warrant him heart-whole.—H. Bowles.

He is a talker and needs no questioning before he speaks.—Sanderson.

Oppress'd with two weak evils—thirst and hunger.—Winnett.

That would hang us, every mother's son.—Chemistry exam.

With fire in each eye, and notes in each hand,

He tries to lecture "to beat the band."—Dr. Clark.

We love the music of all lands, Played by all but German bands.

A lively time we've had, We spent our money madly (at vacation), And now were here and sad, Because we need it badly (at College).

Nose, nose, who knows Who gave thee that jolly red nose, Cinnamon and ginger, or nutmeg and cloves;

What was it that gave thee that jolly red nose.—Winn.

The heart of man is the place the devil's in! I feel sometimes a hell within myself (who brought the band in)?

The life of a dentist, if he has sense, is summed up in three words, patients, patience and competence.

The expectancy and rose of the fair state The glass of fashion and the mold of form, The observed of all observers.

—Miss Auburn.

I would the gods had made me poetical.

—Jonathan Race.

UPPER CANADA COLLEGE

On Friday at Waterloo U.C.C. beat Waterloo II. by 8-5. The College team was Moffat, Morrison (capt.), Bradburn, Worts, Grey, Fraser and Temple.

Worts played a very fast forward game. Moffat in the second half played cover-point to perfection.

Bradburn did not play in the second half as Young (Waterloo's forward) was disabled.

"Sam" Trees will likely get a place on the team.

"Pie" Morely very kindly entertained the team at his home in Waterloo.

Rutter, Waldie, Billings, Cock, and Gilmore accompanied the team to cheer them unto victory.

A feature of the game was "Hen" Fraser's shots on the goal. Several times he struck the posts.

V.I. Form Flat vs. V. Form Flat was a victory for the V. Form Flat 4-5. "That is" Robertson made a mistake in the selection of goals.

A match played between the Masters and a lower school team resulted in a victory for the boys, 28-3.

Friday next will be the occasion of an ice-cream social on the V.I. Form Flat, and music afterwards by the "Gramophone."

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ANCIENT AND MODERN CARTOONS

A Lecture by Mr. S. Hunter at Varsity, Saturday Afternoon

THE USES OF CARTOONS

They Throw Light upon History—Some Modern Illustrations

The third of the series of Saturday afternoon lectures in aid of the funds of the Women's Residence Association was given in the chemical building of the Toronto University on Saturday. The large audience enjoyed a rich treat. Mr. Samuel Hunter, the well-known cartoonist, chose for his subject "Hieroglyphics: Ancient and Modern," and with the aid of some of his excellent sketches and caricatures shown by a lantern, succeeded in giving a most enjoyable afternoon. The lecturer managed with apparent ease to blend with an amusing paper on the satirical cartoons of the present day a fund of instruction respecting the ancient hieroglyphics and the great value these interesting archaeological specimens have proved in enlightening the student of the nineteenth century upon the customs and life of the ancients and in the strong light they have thrown upon ancient history. That the audience was appreciative was amply indicated by the laughter and applause, which were both frequent and liberal. In his introduction, Mr. Hunter intimated that to trace at any length the history of ancient picture writing or to claim for the modern caricature drawing any of the sacred attributes which are usually associated with the hieroglyphics or graffiti of old Egypt is a task which he did not propose attempting. The modern hieroglyphic or cartoon is not usually held sacred to any extent, not at least by the other political party. But that in the modern cartoon, so far at least as it expresses an idea, we find the counterpart and development of an art practised centuries ago, and whose beginning is lost in antiquity, is patent to all who have even the most indifferent knowledge of history. As to the first attempt of satirical art, there is little to guide us as to when it commenced, what influence it exerted or what was the manner of man who carved the first tentative lines of its being. There is, however, ample evidence to prove that the walls of Herculaneum and Pompeii knew it and that Rome long before the time of the festive Nero, knew and laughed at its playful fancy, and crude carven satire. Rude, unfinished and even indecent as are many of those early specimens of satirical drawings, they nevertheless, said the lecturer, possess a value as showing the ideas and inner life of a period of which we possess but a too meagre knowledge.

THROW LIGHT UPON HISTORY

It is, therefore, satisfactory to know that students specially equipped for the search in the matter of education and enthusiasm are almost daily bringing to light much of the history and thought of a period which can only be obtained from the crude carvings and satirical drawings displayed on the walls of nameless cities now being exhumed from the sands of the desert. We are, continued the lecturer, presupposing, of course, that those artistic and facetious gentlemen of long ago were equally fair, truthful and independent with the gentlemen who practice satirical art on the party papers of to-day. (Laughter.) It would be a distinct shock to the man with the spade, and to the world at large, if we should, in the exhuming process, be brought face to face with rival walls and opposition hieroglyphics, by which it should be shown that the other hieroglyphic was perverting facts and the truth was not in him. That, as a matter of fact, the funny-haired Egyptian or Assyrian on the Crit benches who had been so grossly depicted as a "boodler" and as "crooked" generally, was really an honest man, who had let the contract for the last pyramid at the very lowest tender, and never received one cent for the party election fund on the strength of it. In this connection reference was made to some well-preserved specimens of satirical graffiti recently found in the ruined temples and sepulchres of Egypt and in the tombs at Jerusalem, the drawings being chiefly grotesque and the writings generally giving quotations from well-known poets. Illustrations of some of the ancient writings or hieroglyphics referred to were thrown on the sheet. A keen sense of humor was shown in the happy manner in which present-day ideas were grafted on the sketches of incidents in ancient history. In an illustration of Nero fiddling while Rome burned, the Emperor was depicted sitting on an upturned soap box, with a huge insurance policy sticking out of his coat tail pocket; the notes which flowed from his violin intimating that "There'll be a hot time in the old town to-night."

SOME MODERN CARTOONS.

A North American Indian Chief, clothed merely in humility and a second-hand plug hat, was shown seated on a river bank, angling for "catfish;" the features showed a nose unmistakably that of Sir John Macdonald and the mouth of Sir Oliver Mowat. The appearance on the sheet of the Postmaster-General, who was represented with a body composed of the new Imperial penny postage stamp, with huge boxing-gloves on his hands and in a belligerent attitude, was the signal for loud applause, and the defiance of the Postmaster-General: "If you lick me, you have to lick the whole British Empire," found a responsive chord. Another cartoon which caught the audience

was Sir Wilfred Laurier with a long fishing-pole and a fair sized string of treaty fish, in the attitude of showing with outstretched arms the size of the fish that got away. Still another represented Sir Wilfred Laurier in monkish cowl and robe engaged in deep study of the *Globe*. This was labelled, "Sir Wilfrid fortifies himself against temptation."

TRINITY MEDS

One important branch of the amusement and recreation of our students in old Trinity, which is not generally known among the laity, is our musicals. The Literary Society annually place a piano upon the platform of the final room, and no portion of the funds is spent to better advantage, for, whether in our regular Medical Society meetings, in our Y.M.C.A. meetings, or in the intervals between our lectures, music has the same charm to soothe our troubles or brighten our fogged brains. One who has not been through the mill cannot fully appreciate the pleasure derived from helping in a rollicking chorus, after having written for an hour at lightning speed notes from a dry (?) lecture in medical jurisprudence. You should see the eyes of a hundred students gleam when Norm. Wright ascends the dais and squats upon the stool—some folk have been impatient enough to have seen Naples and not died—let them drop into Trinity some morning and stand aghast. What new-found sweetness in "Just one girl," or unfelt patriotism in "Soldiers of the Queen," after an hour of Surgery or Medicine!—only the Meds can tell.

But chorus singing is not all—there are solos—"Sim" Newsom, '00, can sing with the best of them, and Jamaica Johnson, '09, always knows the newest Coon-songs before they're written. Sometimes when the cards are shuffled afresh Alfred Patrick Scully turns up and trumps the ace; then "Ernie" Purvis trills now and again. Levy, '01, meanders in once in a while and sings a Coon song which brings tears to the eyes of the staid 4th year men. Now and again "Jack" McMahon unbends, and stepping down from his pedestal of dignity, in his playful way, takes the stool and rattles off the latest popular airs to the delight of multitudes. George Schmidt plays sometimes, but not half enough. Willie Kerr can play the mouth-organ, but Willie is diffident and has not yet appeared in public. Bro. Feenan, '09, is our violinist, but doesn't dare to bring the fiddle to school, because Brent Haslewood might happen to try it, and the boys object.

FINIS

Dr. Anderson's brother has been very ill lately, and the merry doctor has been in almost constant attendance. We are sorry to miss our lectures in Pathology, but sympathize heartily with our professor and wish him the best of success in his treatment.

Friday afternoon word came to the College that C. L. Taylor, '00, had gone off to Cornwall on a grand outing. Everyone was startled, but soon it was found that he had gone on the Grand Trunk, and the Y.M.C.A. breathed the normal 18 per min. again. C. L. is attending the convention which is in session there.

On Tuesday evening of this week, Dr. Sheard will talk to the boys on the "Disposal of Sewage." What the Doctor doesn't know about the subject isn't worth knowing as the health of the city proves. The program will conclude with papers from "Jimmy" Moore, "Willie" Kerr and "Horace" Wrinch. There'll be a great time.

To say a man is down with grippe is a chestnut, but on Saturday and Sunday, Hugh Ross, '00, was down with something, which he says Dr. Bingham described some time ago. We hope our worthy Hugh won't lose the regulation twenty-six pounds.

A man of good understanding! Sam Föote, '09.

Mark Twain says that if a man works good and hard all his life, he may attain to the virtues of the fountain pen but never can reach its inherent degree of cussedness. Ambrose Stanton vouches for this, for his "durned pen has gone and lost-d itself." If any one finds it, he may sell it for what he can get and give the proceeds to the Children's Hospital.

An old adage reads "a watched pot never boils." Fitz says he wishes a man's anatomy were so gotten up that he could watch the back of his neck.

Last term we used to see Lew Ashton once a week at least, but now it appears that he has gone into architecture. Well, when Mr. McLaughlin opens his factory again, the boys don't mind going down to the house-warming.

We are glad to see that the Colonel is working hard these days.

Ordinarily the old bear promises us a coming Spring by Feb. 5th, but this year a march has been stolen on Bruin. We noticed "Major-General" Hutton, '09, spinning around on his wheel the other day.

A man can't live well and die happy without some exercise. "Herbie" Marshall and "Herbie" Prust are spending several evenings at Moss Park lately,—so Dame Rumour says. Let every man in the final year get a skate on.

There's a long story to be told about Livy's trip to Guelph. Ask him to tell you about it.

Society event—"Ernie" Purvis and "Jack" McMahon are soon to attend Osgoode Bar Dinner and Trinity University Conversat respectively. They will represent our College.

Here follow some questions clipped from the Chicago Record. We ask the thoughtful attendance of the serious Fourth Year men and trust these may help them in cramming for their coming picnic:

1. Before pulling a leg, is it necessary to administer an anæsthetic?
2. What is a joint? Give the location of the hip joint.
3. Which is the most nourishing food for convalescents, weiss beer or mixed ale?
4. In dressing up an easy mark, is it necessary to use splints?
5. Are you in favor of the eight-hour day for typhoid patients?
6. In dissecting a live subject where should you begin to carve?
7. Name three kinds of medicine? Should water be taken afterward?
8. At post-mortem examinations, who is entitled to the gold in the teeth?

T-R-I-N-I-T-Y, Trinity.

It has been suggested that a certain freshman should eat opium occasionally in order that he might not lose any time from his studies in attending to the mechanisms pertaining to ordinary physiological functions.

We are informed that one of our primary men is about to assist in a mission—Lands will surely make a good Scotch evangelist.

Messrs. Durin and Ranney are at present busily engaged on a book which they propose to publish shortly. It will be unique, of great interest and practical value to medical students.

It's no disgrace to go over the Bar.—Brandon.

Special bargains in umbrellas at Eaton's. Buy now Watson.

Anatomy learned by instinct.—Grant.

Much learning is a weariness to the flesh.—A. Brown.

Wright, of second year, has been experimenting with his camera on the boys in the dissecting room, with marked success.

Love's labours not lost.—Crawford.

Our singing-master.—McDonald.

Who revised the Pharmacopœia.—Frankland.

Oh, got pretty good, 25 or 30.—A. Brown.

A story, "Lost on the streets of New York."—by Harvey Hassard.

For demonstrations on ball and socket joint apply Alf. Watson.

We are pleased to note that Dr. Fenton, who was a victim of la grippe for a week or so, has been able to resume his duties in the Histological laboratory during the past week.

The attendance at Y.M.C.A., last Thursday morning was one of the best of the year. It shows what a hold Dr. Wishart has on the students and how they appreciate his addresses. The one given on that date was practical and helpful to all.

SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

The Engineering Society held its usual meeting on last Wednesday, at 4 o'clock, and was well attended. Mr. Shurtworth gave a very interesting paper on "Forestry," which was well listened to, and spoke of a new industry for Canada, in growing new forests in places where the trees have been cleared away, which will require skilled labor of the highest class. He also suggested that experiments should be made with the Jack pine, of which we have large quantities in Ontario, as to its suitability for street paving. The wood would have to be properly prepared and laid as brick is now laid. This kind of paving is used largely in England. Several specimens were shown that had been laid for over a year, and had been subjected to considerable traffic, and yet had been worn away one quarter of an inch.

Mr. Neelands gave a very interesting account of his trip in the north of Ontario last summer, when he accompanied Mr. Niven, O.L.S., to the Abitibi River. He and his party had many narrow escapes from starving and drowning. One man of the party was lost in an accident to one of the canoes.

The theory that large errors never occur is absolutely true, or can be proved true. If one is five-eighths of an inch out in fifty feet, it is not an error, but a blunder. It leads to endless work to remedy the blunder. So be careful.

A spelling class is to be started at the School, words of two syllables only, as some don't know how "middle" goes.

Mr. Neelands will attend the O.L.S.'s Dinner as a guest of Mr. Niven.

Mr. W. E. H. Carter was elected by acclamation to represent the School at McGill Conversat.

Dr. Ellis is, we are sorry to learn, laid up with the grippe, and is unable to give his lectures in chemistry. We wish him a speedy recovery.

W. A. Hare, of the Third Year, has returned after an attack of grippe.

A certain member of the Third Year was taken ill lately, and was engaged for at the Sick Children's Hospital. Poor fellow.

Last Friday an exam. was given in chemistry, and several members of the class say that the examiner will learn more strange facts in reading the papers than ever before, or than any one could during a lifetime almost.

Waterloo will play U.C.C. on Thursday. "Caesar" Temple has eaten nothing since his return.

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Comment and Criticism

While one must deplore, as a general thing, the growth of an overwhelming number of student organizations, yet there are exceptional cases in which we shall not go far astray in welcoming heartily to our midst new clubs and societies. I think that such an occasion has come when the Dramatic Club seeks our cognance and support; it stands for something intrinsically valuable and will provide matter which cannot but prove interesting. Its intrinsic value lies in the fact that it will encourage in our University a branch of literary performance which has hitherto been undertaken—and that on a very modest scale—by the lady students alone; and surely there is no one who will attempt to deny the real utility of the close study and thoughtful acting required to make histrionic productions a success. Its entertaining worth rests primarily on the interest naturally attaching to all stage performances, but more especially in this case, on the fact that the Club hope to be able to present next Hallow'en one of Shakespeare's comedies. Let us wish the organization, our new Dramatic Club, every success.

In conversation with a friend the other day I discovered that in his opinion student interest in academic work in our University fell off rather than increased as he proceeded in his course. I am decidedly inclined to agree with him in the main. There are of course, according to the time-honored proverb, exceptions; but I think it may fairly enough be said of the majority of the students, that their interest flags perceptibly towards the conclusion of their course. I do not think for a moment of investigating the question thoroughly just now, but I take the opportunity of suggesting a few possible causes for this lamentable state of things. It may be that the "side issues" at Varsity are too many and too attractive, that the number of events of one kind or another, perpetually going on, distracts the mind which came down bent on hard study, and diverts it from its original intention. It may be that the majority of the students, in order to sustain an interest, a progressive interest, in their work, require to have it presented in an engaging form and manner,—a presentment which perhaps they do not always succeed in obtaining. Yet again it may be that as men go farther into academic work they begin to realize that the openings for high and exact scholarship are, in this country, few and far between. They foresee that in all probability they will be as well served in their future career by moderate attainments as by first-class honors (unless, indeed, they are going to specialize in pedagogy), and therefore they lose the primal ambition for knowledge which they had at entrance. I merely suggest these possibilities; the whole question is worth the private consideration of every student.

The athletic world of the University has recently been discussing several important matters, first and foremost of which is undoubtedly the prospective formation of an Inter-Collegiate Athletic Union on lines somewhat analogous to those adopted by the Inter-Collegiate Rugby Union. One hardly needs to dwell on the advantages of such a project, yet to mention a particular branch which would be benefited, it is absolutely certain that such a union would do a great deal to boom track and field athletics, which have at present fallen into a sad decrepitude at Varsity. Were this the only result to be secured, the project would be commendable; and it is not at all likely that the good work will stop short with the rehabilitation of a single branch of athletics.

I understand that the new Association proposes to make the prizes consist simply of commemorative medals stuck in bronze. This decision cannot be too highly commended, as it is a sign that the founders have an intelligent appreciation of the ethics of good sport. The prizes at the greatest athletic contests of the ancient world were plain olive-wreaths, and no one dreamed of deeming them paltry or insufficient. They were a token of either toil or expense,—a token and nothing more. The glory of the victory did not lie in the glitter of the prize, but in the amount of self-restraint and hard training which the winning of the wreath implied. The managers of the Varsity games have lost sight of these great principles for some time, but we rejoice to see them returning to the shores of light. The amount of money put into the prizes for our games has been nothing more or less than scandalous, and that not so much because of the actual number of dollars spent as because of the fact that it showed that our students were in the line of sport mere "pot hunters," not men who would contend for the glory of overcoming in a well fought contest. Let us hope, however, that a better day is about to dawn.

Another matter which is exciting some interest is the proposed change of the playing rules of the Rugby game. There are those who favor the introduction of some of the best features of the American game, such as

the substitution of the snap-back for the cumbersome scrimmage, without materially altering the most prominent features of the Canadian game, the kicking and the long passing. There is much to be said in favor of such a change. It would, in the first place, produce a remarkably fine game, which would secure excellent support from the public; and secondly, it would create a distinctive college game, which would in turn effectually prevent the contests between the cities and the College which have been such moot questions during the last season.

The Conversat bids fair to be a very brilliant function this year, and certainly merits the support of the entire student body. For the benefit of those who do not dance, that part of the program has been put rather later in the evening than usual, and the time thus gained will be occupied by a concert in which an artist of brilliant reputation, Trebelli, will sustain the principal part. Nor can those who take the most fun out of the dance claim that they are being slighted, for it will be quite as brilliant as usual; and at any rate they will lose nothing in missing an hour's dancing to listen to the best musical program our Conversat has ever known.

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The Play's the Thing

J. M. Barrie's "Little Minister," which has been awaited by Toronto theatre goers with considerable interest was produced for the first time in the city, at the Grand, Monday evening. The story of the "Little Minister" is one that found immediate favor with Barrie's admirers, and the romantic Scotch atmosphere of the play makes it one of the most charming and wholesome pieces seen here in a long time.

Although the plot of the story is changed somewhat to suit stage purposes, the same delightful delineation of Scotch life which characterizes all of the writer's stories is brought out ever more forcibly than in the pages of his books.

The most noticeable difference in the dramatization is the prominence given to Babbie rather than to the Little Minister, Gavin Dishart. This step was doubtless necessary since there is more opportunity for dramatic action in the "bonnie" gypsy than in the studious and pious young minister. The change, however, does not interfere with the interest in the play.

In the construction of the piece, Barrie has told the story tersely and has created several scenes which would grace the finest comedies of the present age.

The first act opens with a scene representing Caddum Wood on a moonlight evening in April. Several of the men of Thrums, who have caused a riot on account of low wages in the wooden mills, are presented, discussing the impending trouble and also the good qualities of their youthful pastor. In this discussion the situation is very cleverly told, and prepares the way for the action to follow. Presently the little minister appears and orders the men to disperse. Such is their great respect for his authority that they do so. Upon their departure Babbie appears in the guise of a gypsy. She is not a real gypsy, but is Lady Barbara, daughter of Lord Rintoul. Her sympathy for the poor and oppressed people of Thrums, together with an irresistible yearning for adventure, leads her to adopt the course she has taken. Upon seeing her the little minister becomes immediately infatuated with her. He does not say so, but his actions betray him. During this meeting the soldiers appear, searching for the gypsy. In order to save her, the little minister, at her instigation, states that she is his wife. The minister, however, does not yet confess his love to her. The first scene of the second act shows Nannie's cottage. The two young people make a few more steps in their love-making. In this scene the work of Miss Mary B. Thompson, as Nannie, is bright and refreshing.

Next, the home of Gavin is seen. It is near prayer meeting time, and the elders and others are gathered waiting for the minister. They are, of course, gossiping, and are beginning to hear rumors about their minister. The characters introduced here are very, very interesting, and especially so in the case of Mr. Henry Weaver, jr. as Thomas Whamond.

As Gavin is about to enter the church he learns that the gypsy has been apprehended. At the risk of his reputation he leaves the prayer-meeting to rescue her. He learns that she has escaped, and traces her to Rintoul Castle. Here he sees her as the gypsy. The scene is in a hall in the castle. Upon hearing the approach of Lord Rintoul, who is not aware of his daughter's escapade, Lady Barbara flies to her room. Gavin demands the release of the gypsy. Lord Rintoul denies that she is in the house. Gavin claims that he just saw her enter a certain room. That room was Lady Barbara's. In order to satisfy Gavin, Lord Rintoul opens the door of the room and calls his daughter. She appears—not as the gypsy, but as Lady Barbara. Gavin is naturally surprised. The young people then confess their love to Lord Rintoul. He refuses to listen to their proposition, and in order to prevent Gavin from marrying his daughter, he seeks to make valid the acknowledgment Gavin made in the first act that the gypsy was his wife. This misunderstanding leads to a very delightful little piece of comedy, after which everything is happily settled forever and aye.

The piece possesses an unusually healthy tone, and is refreshing and interesting throughout. Every member of the company does excellent work, and the scenery is very pretty. Miss Adelaide Thurston makes a very winsome Babbie, and gives a delightful portrayal of the elfish little gypsy girl. Mr. Horace Mitchell looks just as we had pictured him, and his work on the whole was very satisfactory.

The production of "The Three Guardsmen" at the Princess this week is the most ambitious effort made by the Cummings Company since their opening here, and it is quite universally agreed that the production is a most successful one. It is no easy task for a stock company to put on such a heavy piece as "The Three Guardsmen" and great credit is due the management for the success of their performance this week.

Harry Glazier, as D'Artagnan is seen to better advantage than in any role he has ever played at this theatre. His work as the

chivalrous adventurer displays an abandon which he has heretofore carefully concealed from Princess audiences.

The rest of the company are all well cast and the scenery is the best seen at the Princess this season. The following is the cast of characters:—King Louis XIII of France, Mr. Geo. Eddinger; Cardinal Richelieu, Mr. Ernest Willis; George Villiers, (Duke of Buckingham), Mr. Barry O'Neill; Athos, Porthos, Aramis (Three Soldiers of the Musketeer Guards), Mr. Clifford Pembroke, Mr. Bartley McCullum, Mr. James Durkin; D'Artagnan (an adventurer), Mr. Harry Glazier; Boucicaut (a spy of Richelieu's, and husband of Constance), Mr. Henry Shumer; DeTreville (Captain of the King's Musketeers), Mr. Joseph Cleworth; Count De Rochfort (an emissary of Cardinal Richelieu), Mr. H. Collins; Sadrift (Captain of the "True Briton"), Mr. J. Speeze; Ponchet (Host of the "Jolly Miller"), Mr. Geo. Wilson; Anne of Austria (Consort of King Louis), Miss Nettie Marshall; Lady De Winter (an agent of Richelieu's), Miss Lillian Andrews; Constance (a foundling), Miss Eleanore Browning.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

The "Alumni" fever, so prevalent in the declining days of '98, mention of which was made in these columns at that time, has again invaded the corridors and rooms of the higher classes. At that time no mention was made of the existence of a former Alumni, of which many pleasurable incidents are still being recalled by the old students of the house. For some untold reason it gradually fell out of existence, and the enthusiasm now displayed among the students tends to its reorganization. For this purpose, then, there will be a meeting called in the near future of the presidents of the Theological and Philosophical departments to discuss the matter, and as this is one of the many associations of which every grateful student of College or University may be justly proud, there remains but little doubt of its formation. This social circle, without which no institution can be properly supported, has found its way into almost every School, College and University in the land. Why should we be without it? How many are the privileges and pleasures afforded those within the compass of such an organization? They are untold. For who among us can adequately describe the felicity an "Alumnus" experiences who, years after quitting his "Alma Mater," is again recalled at the invitation of the "Alumni" to spend a day in grand reunion with the associates of his College days. Here he renews old acquaintanceships which time and circumstances have almost completely severed. He forms new acquaintances whose friendship he no less esteems. Year after year this society takes within its folds the graduates of the institution, and in this way it grows and expands itself to all parts of the continent. The boys are asked then to talk the matter over among themselves and fix a date for this meeting whose record will be handed down to posterity as one of great importance.

Mr. Geo. Roach, who has been down with "la grippe" the past week, is able to be about again. The boys miss George very much on account of his important position on the Hockey team. The study hall took on a new radiance when he made his appearance on Monday.

Pointers that might be noted by our Hockey boys.—That McAllister practice up on shooting. That McKenna loosen up a bit, and shake off a few more pounds of flesh. That Snyder play cleaner Hockey. That the Captain should call the game earlier. That all keep a sharper eye on the puck. That more attention be paid to combination. That all do more skating, thereby to acquire better staying powers.

Mr. Scott, Principal of the Normal School, will give the second of his series of Pedagogical lectures during the early part of the week.

Mr. G. C. Driscoll, of the University of Rochester, N. Y., brother of William Driscoll, who was one of the most brilliant, gentlemanly and popular students in the College, paid us a visit on Sunday last. He informs us that Billy has made a practice at the bar, and is climbing the ladder of prosperity with marked progress. It was with feelings akin to ecstasy that the older students of the house listened to these glad tidings, and although he has now been absent nearly seven years, there are yet many who say from their hearts "Well done, Billy."

Right Rev. Dennis O'Connor, D.D., C. S. B., of London, Ontario, spent an afternoon at the College during the week.

Rev. Francis O'Sullivan, '90, of Peterboro, who has been staying in the city the past few weeks, called at his Alma Mater and spent a few happy hours with his professors.

'98 pretty nearly own the whole flat, now. I came very near combing a man for fair yesterday—Amzy.

There will be a meeting of the senior students on Thursday, 7 p.m., to re-organize the Dramatic Society.

The College seven had their first chance to show their ability as stick handlers last Wednesday, in an exhibition game with Knox on the brawny Caledonian's ice. The game was fast throughout, the interest at times rising to the highest pitch of intensity. Ambrose played centre in a way to satisfy the most ardent admirer. The boys overcame the awe inspired at first sight by their heavy opponents, when in five minutes after the whistle blew, Regan scored from a neat little combination play. This acted like a spur on Knox, who scored two goals in quick

succession, making the score 2-1 in their favor. This remained unchanged at half time. By this time the College representatives had accustomed themselves to breathing the Scotch oxygen, as was evinced all through the last half. It was simply a matter of clock-work combination, scoring with clock-work regularity, though at one stage Captain — did manage to shoot one through by way of chance. The final score stood 7-3 in College favor.

Everyone seemed satisfied with the game, which was entirely devoid of roughness.

Looking for more worlds to conquer, St. Michael's septet picked on the Britannias of the Lacrosse-Hockey League. This time the wearers of the light and dark blue had the advantage of home ice, although their practice was very limited. To say that they surprised their supporters, is hardly to express it. "Doc" Cassidy in his capacity as referee, blew the whistle at 4.45. Contrary to the expectation of all, our combination worked like a charm. During the first half it was all College. Wherever the disk went, there was a man ready. The forward line scored at their pleasure. They were satisfied with blanking the visitors and summing a half dozen themselves. Fast championship hockey was displayed during this half. The pace was very fast. During the interval of rest, old Sol had decided not to wait for the finish. On account of this pardonable lack of interest in such a winter sport, on resuming play it was rather dark. The fast pace of the first half and the lack of training combined with the darkness to help out the Britons. They forced the umpire to raise his hand five times. Snider made the last score for the College, leaving final score, College 7, Britannias 5.

In the game it would be almost impossible to particularize any of our boys. Miller played a wonderful game, going through his novice with flying colors.

SHOTS ON GOAL

Snider was the hardest check on the ice. Regan played in his usual form.

The shot of the day was McAllister's.

The McKenna brothers play well together. Miller with a capital M.

A pair of pads for Kernahan.

"Mac" was so completely outdone by the responsibility consequent to the important position he played in Saturday's hockey match that he was confined to his bed Sunday morning.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

Mr. Robert P. Wilder, of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, visited the College on Wednesday last and addressed the students upon the work of the movement which he represented.

The Rev. W. L. Armitage, of Peterboro, paid a flying visit to the College on Saturday afternoon of last week.

We are pleased to state that Mr. W. Simpson, who had been ill for a short time last week, has now fully recovered.

Mr. E. A. Langfeldt visited his friends in Orillia last week.

A number of the students attended the At Home given by the Lady Principal of Haverhill College on Monday evening, January 30th.

The Rev. J. A. Richardson, B.A., of Winnipeg, gave a very earnest and heart searching address to the students at the Chapel service last Friday evening.

Everybody is looking forward with pleasant anticipations to Friday evening, Feb. 3rd, the date of the Wycliffe annual "At Home." It is expected that the event this year will be larger and grander than ever. An excellent programme has been arranged for and will begin at eight o'clock sharp.

The Czar's disarmament proposal was discussed and disapproved at the twenty-eighth annual public debate of the students of Wycliffe College, Thursday evening. The event was patronized by the students and friends of the College in large numbers. The chairman for the evening was Dr. Parkin, C.M.G., who also decided the merits of the debate. The subject was:—"Resolved, that the present condition of the world's affairs warrants disarmament." Both sides maintained their argument with much ability, and each speaker showed that he possessed a calm, logical mind.

Preliminary to the debate an interesting program was rendered, in which the following took part:—Quartette, Messrs. Adams, Taylor, Covert and Kinder; vocal solos, Miss Marian Chapin; readings, Miss Temple Dixon; violin solo, Mr. W. W. Beardmore.

Mr. G. H. Wilson in opening for the affirmative spoke of moral and economic desires for disarmament. He referred to the cordial relations in Anglo-Saxon circles as a good sign of the times. Arbitration was now becoming a more and more recognized form of settling international disputes. Mr. Wilson then considered how disarmament would work to the advantage of the nations of Europe. Germany wanted industrial progress, unhampered by heavy taxes and conscription; Spain was ruined; the Russians were poor, and she secured more by diplomacy than by war, while France was burdened by the greatest national debt in the world.

Mr. R. A. Hiltz, for the negative, first threw cold water on the scheme by casting doubts upon Russia's sincerity. He gave the Czar credit for personal sincerity, but said he was the tool of his Ministers. As a matter of fact, Russia was now exerting herself feverishly in her naval yards. The speaker then enumerated numerous points at which there was at present a danger of war,

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including the Czechs and Germans, the Alsace-Lorraine question, and the Musselmans and Christians. As matters now stood, the armaments kept the nations at bay and made for peace. He would even go so far as to say that war was not an unmixed evil. In any event the nations of to-day would not arbitrate any real vital questions. As to the economic side, Mr. Hiltz remarked that wealth did not always bring happiness and virtue to the individual.

Mr. R. L. Roy, for the affirmative, went fully into the economic side of the question, saying that the present system violated all the laws of production and distribution. There were three million men in the armies of Europe, and the armament cost £180,000,000 a year. On the basis of a weekly wage of 12 shillings per week, this expenditure was employing six million men. There were thus in all about ten million men in Europe who were wholly withdrawn from all productive and remunerative labor. Of the revenues of France 27 per cent. went to the armament, in England 38 per cent., and in Germany 62 per cent. Mr. Roy contended, at length, that the present condition made for the benefit of the nation which was not heavily armed, and that nation was the United States. He regarded the great progress of that nation in the last forty years as largely due to the absence there of heavy armament and conscription.

Mr. E. L. Howe, closing the subject for the negative, said no nation was safe which does not make it clear to the powers that it could not be safely attacked. The proposed disarmament would need to be unanimous, or its success would be impossible. Disarmament, he continued, would be a deathblow to England's empire beyond the seas, which is now maintained by her navy.

After a brief reply from the leader of the affirmative, Dr. Parkin summed up the arguments in a concise and impartial manner, pointing out the desirability of and difficulties facing a disarmament proposal. He pointed out the economic question involved by throwing the millions of soldiers and naval artisans into the industrial world, which was now overcrowded, and noted the necessity of navies for the preservation of colonial empires. He concluded by awarding the debate to the negative.

The following excellent program was given at the Wycliffe public debate, Thursday evening: Quartette, "Victoria our Queen" (Barnby), Messrs. Adams, Taylor, Covert, Kinder; Vocal Solo, "Could I" (Tosti), Miss Marion Chapin; Reading, "My Sunday at Home" (Kipling), Miss Temple Dixon; Violin Solo, "La Cavatina" (Bach),

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Friday evening's proceedings at the Dental College were enlivened by an entirely new and distinctive feature in the form of a German Band, who were engaged at heavy expense and imported direct from the Fatherland, to assist Dr. Clark in providing a program from five to six. Their appearance on the stage was so startling that the Doctor found it necessary to retire for a stimulant to restore his nervous system to its even tenor, while "The Band played on." The room rang with applause while bouquets and banknotes were showered at the feet of the blushing but grateful musicians. During a short intermission, Dr. Clark reappeared, but as this was taken for a sign to renew the program, he conceived the idea that it was his night off and retreated ignominiously. Later reports say that he is semi-conscious but suffers no pain. It is proposed to make these entertainments a regular feature during this hour. The Dean's consent has been obtained and the Faculty have guaranteed their support for the future.

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