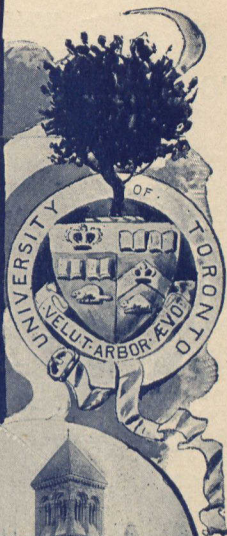
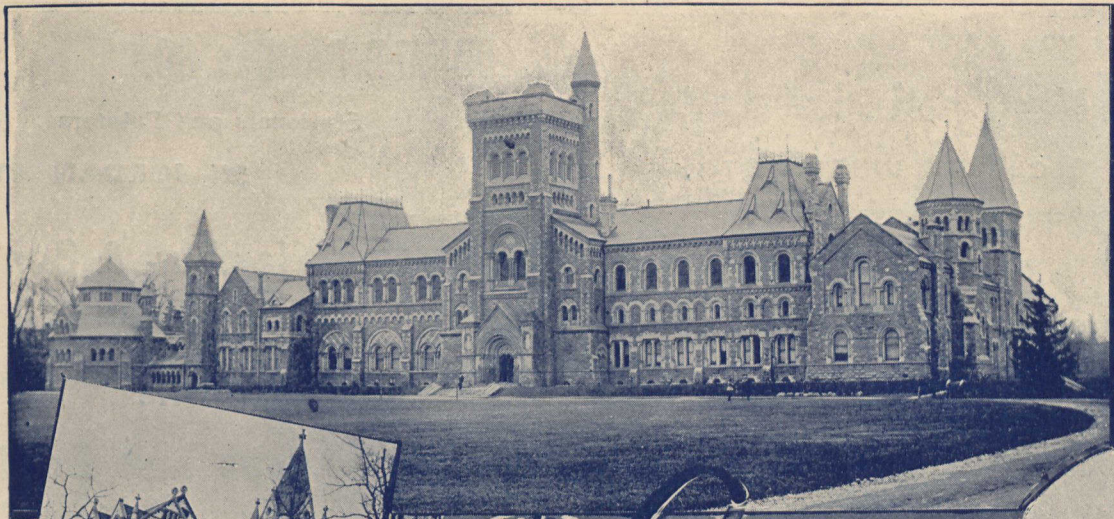


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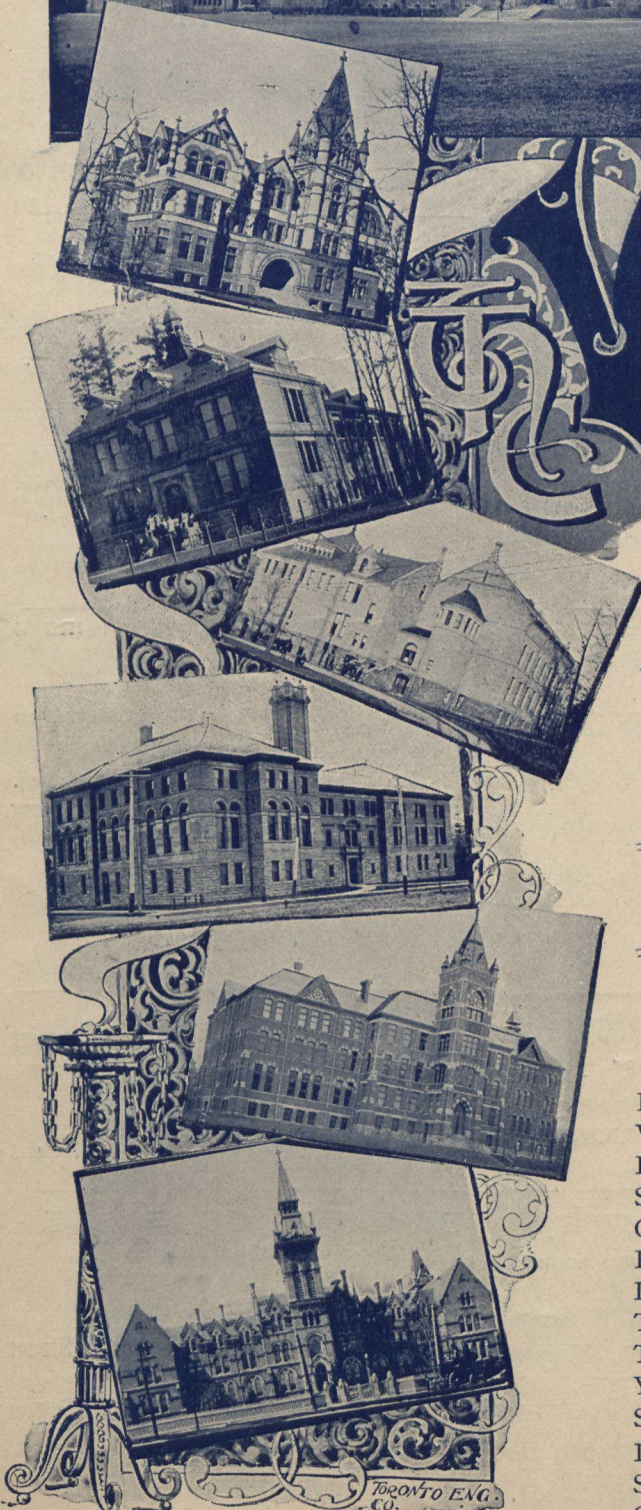
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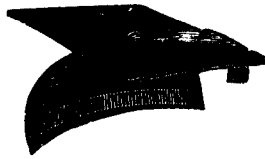


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HALLOWE'EN.

HALLOWE'EN has come and gone. The undergraduates have had their last opportunity for this year of monopolizing a theatre, serenading the ladies' schools, burning Trinity men in effigy, ringing fire-alarms, and generally harassing the guardians of the city's peace and good order. These last, however, had little to do on Saturday, perhaps because they have been so vigilant in former years. There were no unsightly sheds to destroy, no obnoxious fences to pull down, and the ingenuity of the students no longer runs to putting a match to cannon. It is not to be supposed, however, that this signalizes any falling off in spirit. It is merely that that spirit has been directed into different channels from those in which it used to run ten, twenty, or thirty years ago. Nothing heartier or more full of innocent fun and mischief could well be imagined than the demeanor of the undergraduates last Saturday. May there be many more such Hallowe'ens in future, and if our sons' fun differs from ours, let us not on that account boast, as some of our

students commenced to gather in the gloom which surrounded University College building, and when word



MR. RALPH E. CUMMINGS.

fathers do, of what tremendous fellows we were when we were at University.

At about 6.30 on Saturday evening, the first of the

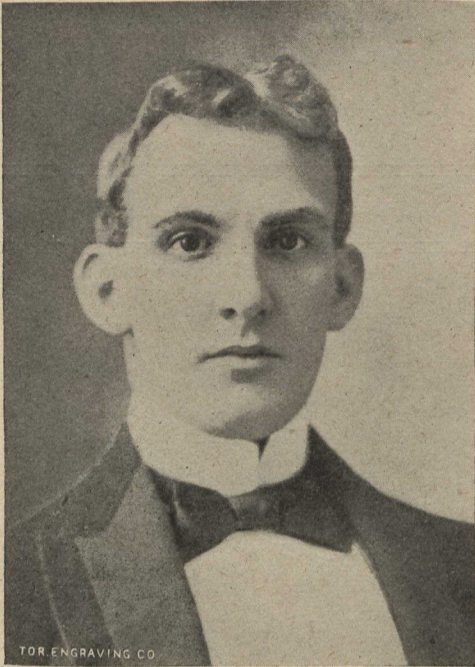


MISS HELEN BYRON.

was given to line up in twos, several hundred boys, with waving college colors, fog-horns, etc. (not to mention yells from lungs of extraordinary power), walked out on to College Street, east to Yonge, and then taking complete possession of the west side-walk, marched in perfect order southwards, to the great confusion of the luckless maidens who were caught on the side-walk and obliged to run the gauntlet, amidst the cheers and doffed hats of the boys. When King Street was reached, the procession turned west, and soon arrived at the Princess Theatre, where, with a mighty rush which well-nigh equalled the charge of the Gordon Highlanders, the students took possession of the "gods."

At half-past seven last Saturday night the gallery of the Princess Theatre was already fairly well filled. The programme was not to begin for some time, so an opportunity was given to look about and admire. The theatre was very pretty indeed, and those who had the decorations under their care are much to be congratulated on the result of their efforts. Bunting was everywhere, the seats occupied by the students of the various faculties being marked by bunting of the proper colors draped about the pillars and railing. But the chief thoughts of the decorators had been given to the boxes, and these were certainly triumphs of the art. Those occupied by Residence and Osgoode were perhaps the most striking, the sign of the residence men and the flags of Osgoode

Hall making very effective decorations. Two of the other boxes belonged to the committee who so successfully



MR. ROBERT E. CUMMINGS.

managed the evening's entertainment and the others respectively to the Faculty, Meds, S.P.S. and Dents.

The Medical and Dental students tried to make things interesting before the beginning of the programme by giving their yells alternately at intervals of about two minutes. A gentleman sitting in the front row among the Dental students would arise and, holding up a sign to urge on his prospective fellow practitioners, would begin to tell the audience from what college he came and what degree he expected to get, and, with him as leader, the men of the garnet and blue evolved much sound. When one choir (not of angels) had quieted down, the leader of the other would get up and by dint of waving his arms and stick wildly about got a considerable amount of noise out of the medical men. Then the old slogan of the S.P.S. came echoing down from the "gods," and incited even the Osgoode men to yell. One of their number got down a flag and, a few of the others joining in, said a short prayer, the words of which (except the last "Osgoode") were inaudible. After shouting "Osgoode," which seemed to take the place of "Amen," the pious ones collapsed, and it was some time before they could summon up courage to try it again. When they did so it was sure to be at a time when the medical gentleman with the stick was on his legs, and it must be confessed that in amount of noise the right side of the gallery usually beat the left.

It was noticeable that the University yell always originated from the "gods" and was rather faintly taken up by the men down stairs, who did not seem to realize that they were University undergraduates as well as doctors and dentists *in prospectu*.

On the pandemonium of yells, calls, toots of horns, and noise in general, broke in the whistle of Mr. Geo. Black, the president of the Glee Club, who thus announced his intention of commencing the musical programme. Order was difficult to secure, and when the house was as yet only comparatively quiet, Mr. Love began to "hang out" (this is the only truthful expression under the circumstances) the verse of "A Hot Time." He also began to sing it, but the Glee Club apparently heard neither

piano or voice, and as Mr. Love was not down on the programme for a solo, he soon stopped singing. Mr. Black then shouted to him to play the chorus, and it is supposed that the Glee Club sang. At all events the rest of the house did so very heartily. After another unsuccessful attempt to begin the verse had been made, the house suggested that the Glee Club should stand. In this position they did very well, and, with the assistance of everybody else in the chorus, made the song at last a success. "The Maple Leaf" followed, and the succeeding interval of a few minutes before the curtain rose was filled by a lesson in manners to some gentlemen who were uncautious enough to venture on the floor of the house without uncovering. On the other hand a venerable old gentleman who did uncover was informed in song that there *was* no hair, there was *no* hair, there was no *hair*, on the top of his head, and then rather illogically told that there was a place where his hair ought to go.

The house became quieter when the curtain went up, and, though the opening lines could not be spoken for some minutes, the Residence bell, which made its first appearance at this time, soon procured quiet. The gallantry of the students was shown by the reception they gave the ladies of the company who were not allowed to hear themselves speak for some time. Quiet, however, was again restored until Mr. Cummings came on. He was received with a burst of applause which showed how much his work in Toronto is appreciated. After this, very good order was maintained throughout, the occasional interruptions being in almost every case legitimate.

THE PLAY.

The play was "Captain Swift," which one of the morning dailies called a "society melodrama." This name is hardly a just one, for there are very few situations in the play which can truly be called melodramatic. It was more fairly, as the play-bill put it, a "romance" and an excellent one, though there were in some places what seemed to be crudities in the play writing and in others the action dragged slightly. Though tragic in its ending



MISS BLANCHE DOUGLAS.

and to some extent throughout, the pathos was well relieved by bright flashes of humor. The greater part of this was

contributed by Mr. Grady as Mr. Seabrook, a naïve old gentleman who was very fond of telling people exactly what



MISS NETTIE MARSHALL.

he thought of them, and being shortsighted, often "nearly made a mistake." The title role was played by Mr. Cummings who had the sympathy of the audience from the beginning, though the part did not seem to suit him as well as light comedy. The same may be said of Miss Byron as Stella Darbisher, who was, however, charming as always. That she is fully capable of this rather heavier part than usual was shown by her parting with Swift in the last act, which was a very convincing piece of acting. Mr. Shaw, as George Gardiner ("My Dear George"), Miss Haynes, as Mrs. Seabrook, and Miss Douglas, as Mabel Seabrook, were all excellent. Miss Marshall, whose portrait also appears in this issue, had, as Lady Staunton, very little opportunity for the display of her talents. These are great, as she has shown in other plays, particularly as the Slavey in "Our Boys," the most delightful play the company have yet put on. In fact the company was so uniformly good that it is almost impossible, and perhaps invidious, to single out any one of them for special commendation. The students showed that they enjoyed the play and appreciated the efforts of the players by applauding loudly at the fall of the curtain after each act and by occasional interruptions of the same nature.

After the first act Mr. Cummings came before the curtain, and, when quiet was secured, read telegrams from Brockville, telling how Varsity II. and III. had won in that town and so were in the finals for the Intermediate and Junior Championships. The reading of these was received with tremendous applause, and soon after a sign was lowered from the "gods," asking the somewhat unnecessary question, "What's the matter with Varsity II. and III.?" Then several gentlemen wanted to know if anything was the matter with Captains Tanner and Beatty. These inquisitive spirits were told that the consensus of opinion was that the aforesaid captains were perfectly well, both in body and mind.

At the end of the third act the curtain was run up again and the whole company appeared. Mr. Cleland, the treasurer of the committee, climbed over the rail of the box, amid great applause, and set down on the stage a beautiful tree of white chrysanthemums. The applause

was redoubled when Mr. Cummings placed it in front of Miss Byron. There were to have been bouquets presented to the ladies of the company at this time, but no member of the committee could be found to follow Mr. Cleland's lead on to the stage. The flowers were given to Mr. Cummings after his speech at the close of the play, and doubtless found their way to the ladies for whom they were intended.

At the fall of the curtain on the fourth act there were vociferous cries of "Speech!" and Mr. Cummings very kindly raised himself from the dead and thanked the students for having kept such good order and having paid such strict attention. He intimated that it was at once a pleasure and an honour to have the opportunity of playing before them. The curtain then fell for the last time and it is said the "God Save the Queen" was sung. At all events it was heard by few, as all the students were anxious to get out and see what the others were going to do to celebrate Hallowe'en.

Thus ended "Varsity Night at the Theatre" for 1897, the most successful night Varsity has ever had. The committee are to be complimented on the bold step of taking (and filling) two galleries instead of one, and also on the excellent arrangements which made it possible to maintain good order among the crowds, which filled both galleries, not only for the performance, but also for the musical programme. Everything passed off without a hitch, and the whole affair may be said to have been a tremendous success.

After the close of the performance, all rushed outside on to the road, where nothing was heard but "Varsity, this way!" "School of Science," "Osgoode here!" etc. Again was the procession formed, this time larger than ever. Along King Street, up Yonge, went the howling crowd, now breaking into a run, now pushing and struggling in densest masses.

When College Street was reached, the boys stopped at Bishop Strachan School, and by the glare of the burning effigy of Guy Fawkes, Trinity serenaded the darkened windows of the Ladies' School. But just here, I might



THOMAS J. GRADY.

whisper, that some of the keener-sighted boys declare they saw several blinds drawn aside, and heads peeping out;

but I don't believe it, do you? Girls wouldn't be so curious—or silly.

Quickly satisfied with this serenade, the crowd hurried on, up College Street to University Street, past the Parliament Buildings, through Queen's Park on the run, up Avenue Road to Bloor Street, all the way accompanied by a battalion of policemen, which the boys had asked Mayor Shaw to give them as a body guard for fear some citizens might try to interfere with the procession. After singing a song or two, with husky voices, for the benefit of the residents who lived near the Presbyterian Ladies' College, the mob went east on Bloor Street, stopping for a few minutes on Park Road to see if they could waken the students at the Moulton College. Then the boys took it into their heads that they would "shake" the cops, but the latter, like the proverbial small boy, didn't care to be shaken. However, the students started a half-mile dash on their own account, and when they arrived at the corner of Jarvis and Isabella Streets, not a blue coat was to be seen.

By the way, I would like to suggest that the University Athletic Association offer the Police Force the use of their quarter mile running track for training purposes.

The crowd was now in great glee and soon commenced such fun as they had previously desired, but did not like to hurt the cops' feelings. But lo! as we were going down Yonge Street, near Grenville, who should come along on a car, but our runaway chaperons. But here the boys decided to separate, and while some continued down Yonge to Carlton Streets, the majority went up Grenville, and the policemen went down to College Street and took a drink at the corner. So also did the writer, and feeling rather weary with much tramping, he walked slowly homewards, sorrowfully lamenting that Hallowe'en for 1897 was over.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS.

It is not the undergraduates alone who experience all the jests of fickle fortune during their summer outings, as the following will go to prove.

Four of the most learned and by no means the least dignified of the University staff hied them in the early summer to the north for a little fishing, making the expedition in a couple of box-cars chartered for the purpose. When they reached their destination, these cars were shunted on a siding to serve as the temporary home of the party. Not long after their arrival two of the gentlemen of the gown sallied forth arrayed in togs which had seen better days, with their rods and tackle for a day's sport. As they tramped the ties they met a section man. Quoth he—

"I say, youse fellows, are you with that gang hangin' out on the sidin' down the track?"

They acknowledged the corn. Thus encouraged the questioner proceeded—

"Who's bossin' the crowd anyway? Who's runnin' the show?"

"Mr. L—, of Toronto University, has control," was the courtly reply.

"H'm! I suppose now Mr. L— hires youse chaps to ketch fish for him while he's up here?"

What they replied is not recorded. But, at any rate, as Rudyard Kipling says—"that's another story."

Heard in the stand:—

Sweet young freshette: "How's the wind, Mr. Gussie?"

Shy young freshman: "Pretty well, thank you, Miss Daisy."

Toronto's Examination System.

FROM AN UNDERGRADUATE'S POINT OF VIEW.

Any one who discusses this subject, no matter how fair he endeavors to be, cannot hope to express the views of all. How each individual undergraduate will view the problem will depend on his special line of study, and perhaps still more on his natural temperament. This being true, a general outline of the subject which will appeal to the average student shall be my aim.

It might be well to remember at the outset that Toronto University at present is not a Scientific Institute. Its student body is not composed of men whose sole object is original research in some special line of study. The majority of the young men at the University are there, not because they love learning, and mean to devote their time to the pursuit of wisdom, but because they want a training which will fit them for earning a livelihood in some of the professions. This may not sound very ideal, but is it not the truth?

For such a class of students an examination of some form as a test of faithful adherence to work is a necessity. It is the definite concrete object for which they may strive. Learning for her own sweet sake is doubtless the proper spirit, but much too abstract for most of us. Whether this examination ought to be an annual one, or scattered over the term, will be discussed later. It is sufficient for our purpose now if we can agree that if we had no examination at all we would not work as energetically and faithfully as we do. The question of motives has been answered quite fully by Professor Hutton in speaking of the Ethics of Competitive Examinations.

Examinations of some form, then, being necessary, if we are to be serious and systematic in our study, we can proceed at once to a discussion of methods. It will perhaps help us here if we understand clearly what are the possibilities under the present system. An outline of the Calendar may not be interesting, but it is none the less essential to any intelligent discussion of proposed reforms. In the first place the student has the choice of an honor course or of the general course. In the former fifty per cent. is the minimum of marks required, and in the latter thirty-three per cent. Now is it not fair to say that this standard is not too high? The system also makes some allowance for term work, but in the general course, especially, the May examination is the important element. In some of the honor departments, however, term work is much more important. In Physics, Chemistry, Psychology and Natural Science, great stress is put on laboratory work during the term. In Political Science two essays are required in each term, and an examination in Economics is held about Christmas. As honor students have their names placed in the class list in order of merit, we have competition. Whether this is good or bad, viewed from the undergraduate's standpoint, matters little; for if any student does question the legitimacy of such a method, if he thinks it leads to over-exertion and too close application, he has absolute power to correct the evil so far as it concerns him by simply not competing. Competition, with whatever evil results attend it, is a possibility under the present system. It is not a necessity.

The evils of which the undergraduate complains most are, I think, not caused by the examination system at all. They are due chiefly to a curriculum which demands more reading than can be done thoroughly. I admit that no student can speak with authority of any course but his own, yet the impression seems to be general that in many of the

honor courses the curriculum asks for more reading than can be done thoroughly during the term by the undergraduate of ordinary ability who works systematically and faithfully. It is not a severe examination on work he knows thoroughly that the student dreads, it is any examination or work he cannot read carefully for lack of time. A few changes elsewhere than in the examination system might do much for us.

In discussing the improvement which might be made, I cannot do better than follow the outline given by Professor Hutton. I feel safe in saying that few, if indeed any, will take objection to the conclusion, that "our present system with such modifications as are contained in the extension of the credit already given for term work and terminal examinations, and perhaps in some extension of oral examinations, is the only system practicable under present conditions."

With regard to examinations held during the term opinions differing very widely are expressed by the undergraduates. Some think that an examination in each subject once a month would keep them more steadily at work, and that by being forced to keep their work up all the year they would know it more thoroughly. Others again, and I think many of the best students, feel that such a plan would interrupt study too frequently to permit the best work being done. Whether or not it is because I have never known any other method I cannot say, but the ideal seems to be a year's work with an examination at the end. We have all been delighted with the recently published sketches of the brighter side of student life at a University, when severe final examinations are unknown, and the extension of credit to term work seems to have been carried to perfection. What a contrast between Stanford and Toronto! Think of a University where the student gets marks for his daily lessons, as some of us faintly remember we did in the country school, where the hardest working student nearly always has his evenings free, where there are a great number of hops, and where almost any Saturday one may see a party of students and professors of both sexes, in bloomers, starting out for the hills to spend Sunday. If the extension of the credit given to term work could alone produce such a result, one might well hesitate to advocate any such change. It may be, however, as has been suggested, that the Californian climate has some influence, and that here in cold stern Canada similar results would not follow.

The other change proposed, that of making oral examinations of more importance than they are at present, ought to prove a good one. Nervous students, who are not very numerous, could be excused from this test if the rest of their work was perfectly satisfactory. In fact oral tests might be applied to courses other than Moderns and Classics. An examiner could get a better insight into a student's grasp of his subject by a few questions asked in the midst of a demonstration than he could by reading page after page of written answers. But after all this is of small importance from the standpoint of either candidate or examiner.

That with these modifications the May examinations might be shortened, I cannot entirely agree. They might be shortened for the pass men, but for the honor men three weeks is quite short enough, in fact in many cases where only one paper is given at the present time, two would be more satisfactory. Condensation becomes almost impossible beyond certain limits. There is still another reason why the May examination must remain the important factor in our system, so long as competitive examinations exist here, competitors not only for a prize or scholarship, but for a position in the lists; any other method of determining a man's standing will prove unsatisfactory. Ranking men by means of term examinations, which are not conducted under similar conditions, by means of term work and orals,

while it might not lead to actual unfairness, would almost lead to much unkind criticism.

As an undergraduate of the University, I hope that if the authorities do undertake any radical changes of the present system, they will do so not for the sake of economy, nor for the sake of making the work of examiners lighter, but for the sole purpose of making it a more effective means of encouraging thorough, honest work. The graduate of Toronto University values his degree because he has earned it, and it is the wish of all the undergraduates that whatever system may be adopted, its purpose shall be the maintenance of a high standard.

HUGH MUNROE.

MISS FRANCIS, OF YALE.

Those who went to the Grand Opera House last week, expecting to see in "Miss Francis, of Yale," a picture of college life, came away disappointed. A Yale yell—not the Yale yell—and a couple of snatches from college songs was all that smacked of cap and gown in the whole performance. Of course the play—or rather the farce—was none the worse because it had not a college flavor, though many went to see it simply with that expectation.

That the performance was decidedly funny, no one who saw it could deny. Mr. Etienne Girardot as Frank Staynor, of Yale College, the female impersonator, was continually getting into situations that were excruciatingly laughable. Throughout the piece the humor was well sustained; indeed, if such had not been the case, many of the situations, that were extremely funny, would have been simply vulgar. As it was, the suggestiveness of some of the scenes made the humor border closely on vulgarity.

Of the dramatic talent displayed, very little that is complimentary can be said. How such a play came with such a good recommendation it is hard to understand. Outside of Mr. Girardot and Miss Idalene Cotton, who took the part of the little French girl, Cosette, the company seemed to be a company of amateurs. Miss Cotton, however, certainly proved herself a clever artist, and Miss Lavinia Shannon made a decided hit with her hysterical laugh.

Altogether, the students had in Mr. Cummings' "Captain Swift" a much better play and one much more suitable for their Hallowe'en demonstration.

"UMPTY-ONE."

For the benefit of the members of the freshman class, VARSITY gives below the yell adopted by their brother freshmen in the University of Illinois:—

Umpty-one! Umpty-one!
She's a lala; she's a hun!
She's the onliest, onliest one,
Yell ye terriers,
Umpty-one!

Nonsensical as it is, there is certainly more meaning to that yell than to the yells of any of Toronto's three higher years.

WHERE IT ORIGINATED.

When Nero climbed upon the hill to see
All Rome ablaze with fire which he did light,
He tuned his violin and sang, "There'll be
A hot time in the old town to-night."

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A KISS FOR THEE, MY LOVE.

BY A STUDENT AT SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The old world holds in countless store, they say,
Transformed and dark, the sun's life-giving ray—
For every gleam of light, for every ray,
A kiss for thee, my love, a kiss for thee.

The old world throbs with mighty throbs, they say,
While moving onward in her pathless way—
For every throb that swells that Titan breast,
A kiss for thee, my love, a kiss for thee.

The world was many thousand ages old, they say,
Ere it was ever let to see the light of day—
For every age and year, for every hour,
A kiss for thee, my love, a kiss for thee.

LOVEY'S REPLY.

The old ideas are out of date, they say,
Vibration is the sun's life-giving ray—
But science is all nonsense, anyway;
A fig for it, my love, a fig for it.

The old world twirls a merry ring, they say,
While circling in its orbit, day by day—
A ring suggests no end of a good time—
A hint for thee, my love, a hint for thee.

The world is truly not so young, they say,
Think you the sun she kisses ever, nay,
Serene and queenly, to her Fate she's wed—
Bus'ness is biz, my boy, bus'ness is biz.

The new arrangement of dividing up the student body into two parties, one to go to the Princess and the other to the Grand Opera House, is a big step on the right road. A great deal of that clothes-rending crush, both at the entrance and up-stairs, especially in the latter place, is done away with. Last Saturday night one could view the performance in comparative comfort. This used not to be the case in former years, when those in the good seats had to hold up the crowd behind them all the evening.

Some time ago one of the students was required to represent on his draughting-board a sphere by means of shading. He did this so perfectly that it rolled off.

Whew! Wasn't it hot up there?

Poor Trinity!

It is a pity the wire was not stronger so that "Trinity" could have been more fully exhibited in the opera house before his subsequent cremation.

J—n E—t was very noisy. "I came to make ——— of myself and I'm going to make ——— of myself." And did he?

Miss Blanche Douglas looked very charming wearing the blue, white and yellow.

When the old clipper ships ploughed the Atlantic waterway from New York to Queenston, there was now and then a quick passage chronicled, but a week's variation one way or the other caused no uneasiness. To-day, however, the arrival of the great Atlantic liners is scheduled almost to the minute, and a delay of three or four hours is considered grave enough to receive general notice.

But this punctuality over a course of nearly three

thousand miles was not brought about except through long time and the perfection of machinery and the design of the ships themselves.

Now that five days is the average time of the trip of the 1897 flyers, it is interesting to note the leisureliness in which the old *Savannah* in 1819 paddled herself from this side to Cork. This pioneer took an even twenty-six days for her voyage.

If the ordinary voyager of to-day were transported back to those times which called for a month in which to make the passage he would doubtless be tempted to essay swimming on his own account.

In 1841 the first big reduction in the time began when the *Acadia* crossed in less than ten days. Since then hours, not days have marked the diminution, until now in 1897 the record of the *Campania* comes very near to being an even five days.

However, when Knapp's Atlantic line of roller boats is completed we will be able to take a run over in two or three minutes.

The regular meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday, 27th. The president was in the chair. After the reading and adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting Mr. Duff spoke on "The Ontario Drainage Act." As Mr. Duff has been actively engaged in draining a large area in the County of Stormont during the summer, he made the subject intensely interesting.

After a brief review of the old drainage law and its numerous modifications, he spoke at length upon the act passed in 1894, which is in force at the present time. He showed that under this act there will be many splendid openings for engineers in the future, and he compared the work done in Ontario with that of the State of Massachusetts, showing the large number of men employed in such work in the latter case. Reference was also made to the growing agitation for better roads. Mr. Duff thinks that in this work also engineers will be in demand.

A part of the drainage work that falls to the lot of the engineer is the dividing of the expense of construction among those who have property in any way affected by the drain. Of course, if the parties interested are not satisfied they can appeal against his decision. Mr. Duff explained to what degree the owners of the surrounding high lands are thought to be assessable, even though they are not directly benefited by the ditch except that the water from their lands is carried away and not allowed to settle on the low lands. This showed what a large number of facts, such as annual rainfall, etc., the engineer has to look up in order to arrive at a fair division of the expense; and how necessary it is for him to have a knowledge of men and to be able to be guided by common sense.

At the close Mr. Duff answered a few questions.

Elections for the offices of first and fourth year representatives were begun. The result was that Mr. Stull was elected fourth year representative and Mr. Thorold as representative of the first year.

Great pleasure is felt at Dr. Ellis' rapid recovery from his bicycle accident.

On an Arizona ranch there is a salt-lick which holds placer gold in such a fine state of division that it is impossible to profitably separate it. Cattle and sheep are in the habit of pasturing there. In the stomach of one of the steers was found four ounces of gold and a smaller quantity in that of a sheep. This is the latest process of separation.

GLEE CLUB'S NEW CONDUCTOR.

When the University Glee Club lost the services of Mr. Walter H. Robinson, as conductor, it was felt that no slight difficulty would be experienced in filling his place. The committee spared no pains in their search for a new conductor who would be thoroughly capable, and when it finally secured the services of Herr Rudolf Ruth, the club received many hearty congratulations from the musical public. The energetic manner in which he has taken charge of the organization, his immediate popularity, and his high qualities as a musician, show that President Black and the other members of the committee have made a most happy choice.

Herr Rudolf Ruth is a German gentleman, having been born in Hanau. He commenced his education at Hanau College, and soon gave promise of great musical abilities. Accordingly he went to Dr. Hoch's Conservatory at Frankfort-on-the-Main, where he pursued his musical studies for five years. Before entering on a public career as a musician, he spent two years in Brussels perfecting himself in his art. He also received a very flattering invitation to join the German army, in which he served for three years, and to train for an officer.

It was while in Brussels that Herr Ruth made his first bow at a concert. Upon the invitation of H. R. H. Prince von Hesse, the nephew of the Queen, he performed at a benefit concert, in which the Prince also took part. Shortly afterwards he started on an extended concert tour through Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Belgium, England and Scotland. In the last named country he was the guest of the famous "Pen and Pencil Club," of which the Marquis of Huntley was then president.

It was due to Mr. William Steinway, so well known for introducing artists to America, and to Victor Herbert, who is now connected with Gilmore's Band, that Herr Ruth visited New York shortly afterwards. It was through their influence and recommendation that he came to Toronto, where he accepted a position with the College of Music. After four years he severed his connection with the College to accept a prominent position in the Toronto Conservatory of Music, now the leading musical institution in Canada.

An artist with such a brilliant musical record behind him, is sure to have a bright future before him. He has had not only wide experience and pronounced success in orchestral, choral and concert work in general, but as an instrumental soloist he enjoys the very highest reputation. That the University of Toronto Glee Club will prosper mightily under his care is a safe prediction.

ALMOST LOST PRINGLE.

G. C. F. Pringle, of the fourth year philosophy class, turned his back on Galt this summer, and spent the four months of his vacation in the Gopher state. While there he ministered to the spiritual needs of the heathen of Chester and Pleasant Valley, settlements about 100 miles southeast of Minneapolis. His congregations were motley crowds—Germans, Scotch, Irish, Norwegian and English—and he says that the Englishman in that territory is regarded as a foreigner just as much as the Norwegian.

"They do not seem to recognize that they themselves and the English come from the one stock," Mr. Pringle said to VARSITY.

"Any Canadians there?"

"Yes, I met lots of Canadians," he replied; "and if a person is a Canadian out there, that's all he needs to get along."

"What are their views on England?"

"Oh," he said, "they're Anglophobists. They class England with France and Germany and Russia, and seem to have no idea whatever of her naval supremacy."

Mr. Pringle said that a common mistake made by both

Englishmen and Canadians in the Western States was to brag of their nationality. In his opinion, it's better to line your pockets with Yankee coin (such as it is), and say nothing. The people he found very kind and liberal and neighborly, and the country a fine one.

"I'd make a fine American," he said; "I was very nearly staying there all winter."

His many friends, however, are glad that the charms of Minnesota were not sufficient to rob the college of one of its best students.

The old Varsity yell is still good enough for a football game.



HERR RUDOLF RUTH.

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INTER-COLLEGE RUGBY LEAGUE.

AT the complimentary banquet tendered by the Queen's Rugby Clubs to Varsity's Senior Fifteen last Saturday evening, the chief subject of discussion was the formation of an Inter-College Rugby League.

That such an organization would bind the colleges and students closer together is evident, and few would deny that such a consummation is devoutly to be wished. McGill and Queen's and Toronto have in the past stood apart as though they had nothing in common, as though they were not working towards the same great end and using much the same means.

For college students to do battle on the football field with the coal-heavers and policemen and foundry hands of city teams is as unfair as it is imprudent. It is no arrogant patrician feeling that makes it unpleasant for college boys to play against teams composed of such men—it is simply due to the desire of every man to associate with his kind.

Certainly the tone of the sport would be raised greatly by the formation of such a league. The manner in which city teams shift and amalgamate shows that their members are playing not for the pure love of the game but simply for personal glory. Their supreme desire is to get a winning team, and to reach that end they press into service men who, although not really professionals, are of the kind likely to become professionals at the slightest opportunity.

The immediate result of the formation of the college union would be to stamp out all professionalism in Rugby. The colleges have always been the real home of clean football, and the sport would be kept clean and above all reproach if it were made essentially a college and a gentlemen's game.

It may be said further, that the stand taken lately by the authorities of some of the colleges renders it imperative that some such plan be adopted immediately. Quite rightly the professors object to men of questionable repu-

tation playing on a team which bears the University's name, and the students appreciate the efforts of the authorities to foster a true sportsman-like spirit. Whenever the college teams have been offenders in this regard, they have been well-nigh forced to enlist outsiders in self-defence.

While student players have some great and manifest advantages, they are, without doubt, surrounded with many difficulties which make it unfair to match them against city teams. Students are, as a general rule, much younger and lighter than other players, and as the college captains cannot get their men together till October, their teams are seriously handicapped, especially in the early part of the season.

In view of these and many other minor considerations it is highly desirable that an Inter-College Football League be formed before another season opens. With McGill, Ottawa College, Queen's, Royal Military College, Osgoode Hall, Trinity and Toronto the contestants, the noble game of Rugby should prosper mightily.

The report of the Hallowe'en demonstration in this issue is from the pen of O. M. Biggar, '98, and Percy A. Carson, '01. The greater part of it was written by Mr. Biggar, but the credit for the report of the procession, before and after the play, should be given to the Naughty-One.

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That the study of Chemistry and Mineralogy is equal to Classics or Mathematics, as a means either to culture or mental discipline, few would have the hardihood to assert.

BE YOUNG.

Professor Hutton, in his lecture on Oxford Types before the Classical Association the other day told some interesting stories of the Late Master of Balliol. On one occasion, a hard-working student came to consult him on some serious question of conduct, and was astounded to hear from Mr. Jowett the simple reply "Be young, my young friend, be young."

There is around Toronto University a large number of morbid spirits, who would do well to read and inwardly digest the eminently sensible advice of the Regius Professor. There are the students who try to dampen the ardor of their fellows on Hallowe'en, and who say it is ungentlemanly to "hustle" freshmen. Varsity is strongly opposed to most forms of "hazing" and deprecates any plan of initiating which denies to the freshman fair-play or which brings out the bully in the older student. On the other hand it firmly believes that some function which will throw the freshmen together in the interests of self defence and at the same time allow the students of all the years an opportunity to work off their exuberance of animal spirits is not only valuable but necessary.

A recent correspondent to VARSITY pointed out very truly and clearly that the genus student is bound to break out into some sort of physical violence at periodic intervals.

English students, French students, German students, American students do so, and students have done so regularly for some hundreds of years back. It is indeed idle to kick against the pricks.

There are some half dozen occasions during the academic year when Toronto students thus "let themselves loose." Of these perhaps Hallowe'en, the Hustle and the spring elections are the chief. It would have been good for some of those students who are nursing an unhealthy college spirit, and who turn up their supercilious noses at all such evidences of "boyishness" had they watched the outward and visible signs of great inward enjoyment in the faces of the learned professors who occupied the Faculty box last Saturday night.

VARSAITY extends its most hearty congratulations to the Intermediate and Junior Rugby teams.

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VARSAITY extends the glad hand of fellowship to *College Topics*, and wishes the paper and its promoters every possible success.

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A paragraph in last week's issue prompted some one to make the unkind remark that the "mouldy" character of VARSITY's editorial page has been very evident this year.

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Mr. Birchard's letter in another column raises the whole question of whether it is the duty of a University to impart a general education, or to provide the student with some special means of winning a livelihood, if not a fortune.

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The promise of Mr. McGregor Young, the popular president of the Literary and Scientific Society, to offer a prize for the best "stump speaker," was not only very generous, but shows a most laudable effort to encourage what seems to be a lost art around Toronto University.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

EDITOR VARSITY:—

I have been somewhat surprised in reading a number of articles which have appeared in your columns during the past few weeks dealing with the proposed changes in Mineralogy and Geology. If I have read the articles aright, the substance seems to have been that men addicted to such vulgar pursuits as Mineralogy and Geology are entirely unfit to be mentioned in the same class as those gentlemen chiefly interested in the noble pursuits of Mathematics and Classics; but on account of the inherent value of these studies in themselves, they must be tolerated about the place, and their pet subjects even encouraged, if this can be done without serious inconvenience to anyone. Such a view, sir, shows the most profound ignorance of the fundamental ideas in connection with the study of science. That subject which either in a high degree develops the pure reason or æsthetical part of our nature, or adds largely to our general stock of information, thus broadening our conception of life and the world in which we live—that subject, it seems to me, is most worthy of our serious attention and study; and all this I contend is developed by a study of Natural Science in general and by Mineralogy

and Geology in particular, and that hence these subjects should have a prominent place on the curriculum of every university and must form a part of any liberal education.

In the study of crystallography, a department of mineralogy, we are dealing with one of the most mathematical and exact of the sciences. The examination of the various forms assumed by crystals requires the application of solid Geometry, universally acknowledged to be one of the most difficult departments of pure mathematics, and one which demands no small degree of mental power. Here again the æsthetical part of our nature is developed in the study of the wonderful symmetry and beauty of the infinite variety of forms exhibited, both by the crystals and minerals themselves. Surely the man for whom a diamond is nothing but a pretty stone, a crystal a plaything, and a fossil a piece of dirt, must give way to the scientist who understands their true nature and can read in them the history of ages, even though he may not have read doubtful stories from Aristophanes or love-sick plays in French. Then again the independence of thought and character developed in scientific pursuits more than compensates for any loss suffered from a neglect of the more literary subjects. One who is constantly looking to the views of Aristotle and Plato, and whose chief object is to learn the opinions of others, can never obtain that independent spirit so thoroughly acquired through the study of Natural Science.

For these reasons, and for many others which might be given, I hold that the educational value of Mineralogy and Geology is *not* "very low," but on the contrary very high, and that much more attention should be given them in our University as subjects of high intellectual discipline and of acknowledged practical worth. Subjects of "greater, deeper, truer importance" it is impossible to find. What subject can be of greater importance than that of the proper development of our mineral resources; what can be of deeper importance than the study of the geological formations of our country; and what subject can be of truer importance than science, which is truth *per se*?

In conclusion I would extend to you an invitation to pay a visit to this Department at your earliest convenience, in the hope that you may reconsider your decision that these subjects have received already too much prominence.

FRED. J. BIRCHARD.

IN FAR COREA.

Forty or fifty of the students met last Thursday afternoon to hear Dr. Harley Smith's talk on the mission work in Corea. The doctor's description of our missionary's work in that far-off land was deeply interesting, and his account of the customs and manner of life of the Coreans was entertaining and instructive. The boys were glad to see two of the professors there as well as some visitors from outside the college.

THE FACULTY BOX.

One of the eight boxes at the Princess Theatre last Saturday evening was occupied by members of the faculty. It was very tastily decorated with blue and white bunting, and as it was graced with the presence of some of the University's most distinguished professors, it naturally attracted a great deal of favorable comment.

The members of the Faculty who occupied it were Professors Maurice Hutton, Alfred Baker, Ramsay Wright, W. J. Alexander, J. F. McCurdy, Geo. M. Wrong and W. H. Fraser. One and all, they seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening.

The College Girl

One day last week Miss Ester Alonzo, delegate from Spain to the W.C.T.U. Convention, visited the college, and about half-a-dozen undergraduates had the pleasure of meeting her and listening to a very bright and vivid description of university customs at Madrid. American girls generally get the credit of being able to start on a trip round the world on short notice, but the Spanish girls are not behind them. Miss Alonzo started on her trip from Madrid to Toronto with but two hours' notice; when she reached New York Mrs. Gulick who was to have met her was, by some mistake, not there. So this plucky little Spanish girl who had never talked English till she reached America, made her way to Toronto all alone.

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We think we have a hard time at our examinations, and in other columns there are discussions as to whether we should have our examination system abolished; but those of us who listened to Senorita Alonzo know that our luck is not as hard as it might be. Fancy sitting with all our fellow-students in a large hall waiting our turn; and when that turn came, marching up to the platform, facing the professors there assembled, and drawing three balls from an urn, submitting to an oral examination on a set of questions bearing the same numbers as the aforesaid balls. Then, truly, we would think our condition wretched.

But the ordeal for the final degree, that of M.A., is still worse. Coming to the University the candidate again draws one of these fatal balls. Corresponding to the number on the ball is a list of two or three subjects of which the candidate must choose one, and with whatever books he requires must submit to be locked up in a small room till the examiners are ready—sometimes it is necessary to remain even so long as forty-eight hours. The hall of the university is open to all who wish to attend, and when his turn has come the candidate appears before the judges who have been selected from the most learned men of Spain. He must there before this audience, upon the subject he has selected, deliver an address of at least half an hour's duration, and must submit to an oral examination on all his subjects of study. And as I listened to Miss Alonzo's vivid description of her feelings on that memorable occasion, I thought to myself, there were far worse things than our May ordeal, and I was glad I do not live in Spain.

Miss Alonzo is the first girl graduate from the University of Madrid, and at her final examinations last summer was so very fortunate as to obtain standing in the first rank—a thing much rarer than here. She told us there were now thirty girls in the Preparatory College, and so it would seem that in Spain also co-education has become established.

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The attention of the college girls is called to the Editorial Box which the editors of *Sesame* have placed in the reading room. All who are at all so inclined are asked to contribute to this box. It is not at all necessary in this way to disclose one's identity as it is not required that the articles shall be signed,—so the genius who wants to keep herself unknown may under this arrangement give *Sesame* the benefit of her ability.

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The usual meeting of the Y.W.C.A. last Wednesday

afternoon was of a rather unusual but not the less inviting character. It partook of the nature of an informal reception to the first year, all the years, however, being included in the general invitation. Among the large number assembled we were pleased to note Mrs. Hardie, the wife of our missionary, Dr. Hardie, and also several graduates, Misses Darling, Rutherford and Miller. Miss Hurlburt, convener of the Membership Committee presided, and opened the meeting with a scripture reading. Sentences prayers were offered by several of the Membership Committee. Miss Menhennick kindly officiated as pianist. Several new members were proposed and accepted. The various postponed elections then took place. After some little excitement, owing to the non-presence of ballots, (it is a remarkable fact that at the elections of the various societies this year there has been an unaccountable scarcity of these necessary bits of paper) the president and secretary succeeded in supplying the need, only to see all the offices filled by acclamation. A motion was carried to the effect that a clause be added to the constitution incorporating the class for missionary study into the Society. A solo was rendered in a most pleasing manner by Miss McConnell. Miss Alexander, '99, then read a well-written, thoroughly instructive paper on "Remember the Sabbath Day." The fragrant odor of coffee now being perceptible, this part of the meeting was brought to a close to be followed by another not less interesting.

The girls established themselves in various cosy corners or formed bright animated groups, while the committee proceeded to disburse an abundant supply of coffee and cake. All things, even good things, however, must come to an end, and so this enjoyable reception concluded with a hymn and with the repetition in concert of the Mizpah benediction. The guests wended their way homewards, with the exception of a few who most kindly remained to help the committee wash dishes. Their kindness was much appreciated, and this opportunity is taken of thanking them.

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Under the very able leadership of Mr. W. F. Robinson the Ladies' Glee Club are progressing rapidly in the preparation of songs for the annual concert. Mr. Robinson has expressed himself as well satisfied with the work the club is doing, and the committee are hoping that the second public appearance will be a most successful one. The music chosen by the conductor and the committee jointly is exceedingly pretty and well adapted for a ladies' chorus, most of it is by well-known composers whose names are a guarantee of the good quality of the music.

Arrangements for the concert are about completed and it is expected that it will take place on Thursday, December 9th in Association Hall. The committee have engaged Mr Harold Jarvis of Detroit to assist at this concert, and no effort will be spared to make it a complete success.

CARR, '98.

"COLLEGE TOPICS."

On Tuesday morning a new student publication made its appearance in the corridors. It is a neat newspaper, bearing on its first page the title *College Topics*, and on its editorial page the name of F. D. McEntee, '99, as the editor-in-chief.

College Topics is certainly entering upon a new field of college journalism. It aims to give in brief, bright form, the news from the various educational institutions in the city. That this aim is realized in the initial number is the verdict of all who have seen it, and if it may be taken as an earnest for the future, *College Topics* seems to have a bright and prosperous course marked out for it.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

When old members of the Literary Society meet and talk of old associations, they always have vivid recollections of warm election fights, of battles waged on constitutional points, and of contests for certain invitations which are at the disposal of the society. They are strangely silent when asked to recall the decision in such and such a debate, or the main argument in a particular essay. Whether this has been caused by the indifference of the undergraduates to literary programmes, or by the systematic weakness of the programmes, it is generally conceded that as a debating club, the Literary Society is not a bright and shining example of success. The meeting on Friday night last, however, would almost prove an exception to the general rule, if those in attendance were there simply to hear speeches on an interesting question. The business, though apparently of very little importance, was not disposed of with the dispatch of the two previous meetings. Mr. Sinclair's motion, which has been before the Society annually for four years at least, was again brought up, but the President was unable to find any article in the constitution which compelled the wearing of gowns, and the motion being changed to one of regret was lost, as not even the seconder could find his way clear to support it. The report of the Hallowe'en Committee by Mr. Carson was merely the announcement of plans, the full financial report being reserved for the next meeting. Up to this time the prospects were for an early adjournment, but that was not to be. Two councillors were to be elected to represent the first year, and for these important offices six candidates had been nominated. The President was of opinion that only those who had paid their annual fee were eligible either for election or to vote, and as some six dollars was the sum total of the collections during the month, the prospects of an election were fast fading. The treasurer now seized the opportunity, and by a vigorous canvass succeeded in inducing a considerable number to give the necessary dollar, but those who had thus been relieved, were again perturbed when it was found that but two candidates could be considered as worthy of their votes. It is only when extremities are reached that genius shows itself, and it required only this danger to bring Varsity's business manager to his feet with the suggestion to accept notes drawn for one week, and with the magnanimous proposal that he himself would go security for the four freshmen. Notwithstanding objections on the ground of corruption, the President ruled that all candidates were thus eligible, with the result that Messrs Adams and McMaster were elected. The general committee reported that the election of public debaters would take place next Friday and the freshman sophomore debate on the following Friday. Amid much applause the President announced his intention of offering a prize for the best impromptu speaker, and suggested several ways in which a decision might be reached as to the deserving member. The literary programme was then begun and was apparently the drawing card, as nearly all waited till the end. Mr. Ruthven, who is perhaps the most popular soloist now in the University, certainly surpassed himself, while Mr. Shotwell clearly demonstrated that an essay may be made both entertaining and instructive, and that by a careful choice of subject and a fitting delivery, an essayist may hold the attention of the most uneasy. The debate which was to decide the merits of competitive examinations brought out four good speakers, each with a style which suggested none of the others. Messrs. Narraway and Garvey, who contended that the present system of examinations had some good in it, were successful, while Messrs. Birmingham and Mackay would certainly have won against less strong competitors. When the time comes to choose men to debate for the Society before a public audience, this is evidence that we shall not fail to secure them. M. M.

Five Dollar Prize.

Did you ever write poetry? or verse? or doggerel? or anything that rhymes? If you never did, the sooner you start the better, for a prize of five dollars in cash will be given to the author of the best light verse submitted to the Editorial Board of the Senior Year Book before the 20th of this month.

The scarcity of light verse in student publications in Toronto has always been very noticeable. That there are plenty here who can write good verse of this description goes without saying, and to encourage the shy and retiring rhymsters the Year Book is offering this five dollar prize.

All those wishing to compete (and every student of every year should be in that number) are requested to sign their verses with a pseudonym and enclose their real name in a sealed envelope, on the outside of which the pseudonym should be inscribed. The Editorial Board will judge the verses impartially, and the prize will be awarded about December 1st. All verses submitted will become the property of the Year Book, and the best of them at least will find a place in the publication.

Any subject may be chosen, but the poems should not exceed twenty-five or thirty lines in length at most. Those verses having a Varsity flavor will probably be the favorites, and lines on love and sentiment will be most acceptable.

Leave all verses with the janitor and they will be promptly forwarded to the editor of the Year Book.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

On Monday afternoon the second meeting of the Club took place in Room 4. Miss Cole and Mr. Buchanan were elected representatives from the first year. The programme consisted of an essay on the Friends of Goethe's Early Days by Miss Hurlburt, '98, and one on the connection between the younger Goethe and Rousseau by Mr. Burnham, '98. Both papers were very ably written, and were listened to with much interest. The next meeting will be held Nov. 13th, when Messrs. Bolton and Hinch will deal with the French romantic novel.

After Varsity II. had downed Brockville, Captain W. W. Richardson handed over his football togs to his little brother Eddie, the clever quarter of Brockville's junior fifteen, with the remark: "My football days are over—you can now uphold the honor of the name."

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Varsity 7; Brockville 4.

Varsity III. vs. Brockville II., at Brockville—

Varsity 32; Brockville 1.

Varsity I. vs. Queen's I. Exhibition game at Kingston—

Varsity 5; Queen's 10.

THE TEAMS.

VARSITY I.

Back, Morrison; half-backs, Hills, Boyd, and Barron; quarter, Hobbs (captain); scrimmage, Gilpin, Gibson, and Sanderson; wings, Burnside, Harris, Hare, McKenzie, Hunt, Douglass, and Blackwood.

VARSITY II.

Back, Waldie; half-backs, Brown, McMordie, McArthur; quarter, Foreman; scrimmage, Smith, Hinch, Hall; wings, Tanner (captain), Ferris, Stoddart, Ansley, Telford, Spence, and Scott.

VARSITY III.

Beal; Aylesworth, Gibson, and Macdonald; Beatty (captain), Shenstone, Isbister, and Clarke; McDougall, Fisher, Armstrong, Boone, McArthur, McCallum, and Sproatt.

Poor Brockville!

And poor London!

It was senior ball!

Well done Varsity II.!

Freddie Scott is a jewel.

Brown did grand work at half.

A great battle and a great victory!

McArthur was the hero of the game.

Cheer up Brockville, it may not be true!

Foreman played his position to perfection.

McArthur saved the game and Scott won it.

Intermediate and Junior championship next!

Captain Tanner's wings did their duty nobly.

Harry Spence did brilliant work on the wing line.

Alex. MacDougall is sporting a tarnished ocular.

Nick Hinch says "Grandpa" Watson is a peach.

McCallum, of the third team, played a brilliant game.

Eddie Beattie and Captain Tanner know a thing or

two.

McMordie's punts and tackles were features of the day.

"Shiner" Ansley made his usual number of off-side plays.

"Knightly" Labatt, of Osgoode, made a splendid referee.

Brockville's back division is hard to beat, but it was beaten.

Poor Tommy Church isn't a howling success as a referee.

Captain Tanner played a plucky hard game from start to finish.

Stoddart, the new man, played with his heart. He is a fixture.

Varsity's defence of their goal in the second half was wonderful.

Brockville has a grand team, but Varsity II. went "three" better.

The third team scrimmage fairly outclassed the Brockville junior trio.

Varsity II. scrimmage had a little the worst of the play—but not much.

There was sorrow, and wailing and gnashing of teeth in Brockville after the games.

Alex. MacDougall actually thinks Ottawa City is going to win the Canadian championship.

They say down in Brockville that Clarke on the junior team is a coming Grandpa Watson.

"Shiner" Ansley's game may be effective, but it is not the game that should be encouraged.

Freddie Scott never played in a game of football in which he didn't make a touch down.

The Varsity II. game was a hard but goodnatured fight from the first till the last whistle.

"Bob" Waldie made some good tackles, but his fumble in the second half almost lost the game.

To say that a game on their own grounds is worth ten points to Brockville is putting it mildly.

Gordon Watson, W. W. Richardson and Dr. Bowie are all probably out of the game for good.

"Nick" Hinch was a war-scarred hero after the game, having his face decorated with a black ocular.

If the intermediate game had been played here Varsity would have beaten Brockville "hands down"

McMordie and Brown both played well, while Foreman's passing and falling on the ball were good.

Stoddart's diving over the scrimmage was a feature of the day. He "nailed" Richardson time and again that way.

"Buster" Ferris did some splendid work at inside wing, where he held his man and "nailed" the quarter time and again.

Five yards on a free kick was one of the many laughable readings of the rules by the legal referee, T. L. Church.

Many of those on the grand stand were heard to say after the intermediate game, that it was the best they had ever witnessed.

"The hardest and prettiest game of Rugby I have ever seen," was the remark of many after the Brockville Varsity II. game.

"Gordon Watson is a gentleman and a wonderful player," is Nick Hinch's judgment on his opponent in centre scrimmage.

"Grandpa" Watson played the finest centre scrimmage game seen in a long time. It was wonderful the way he would steal the ball.

Brockville had all arrangements made for an excursion west next Saturday. Poor Brockville! You shouldn't count your chickens, etc.

One might think that "Scottie's" hands were a pair of shovels, considering the way in which he "scooped in" the ball. That try won the game.

McArthur was the star of the day. His running and punting throughout were admirable. His tackle, which saved the game, was the prettiest play of the match.

Long punts, good catches, fine returns, and brilliant runs occurred in quick succession and made the game most exciting and interesting from a spectator's standpoint.

Foreman did not appear to shine, but his work at quarter was very effective, and he seldom lost possession of the ball. He bucked the line for good gains time and again.

McArthur was the particular star of the day. He kicked with both feet splendidly, tackled hard, caught and ran to perfection. That was the game of your life "Mac"!

When "Scottie" scored the winning try, four minutes before the call of time, Varsity men went wild. Telford rushed to Tanner, and throwing his arms around his sturdy captain, embraced him passionately. The big athletes did not really know what they were doing.

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 For you have license to be rude,—
 I mean outré—your pretty face
 Makes good form of your attitude.

Mocking coquette! Should you now coax,—
 You'll sometime try; you know it,—
 I'd count your overture a hoax
 And guile suspect below it.
 With stoic precepts sternly girt,
 I'd stand your tears and sighs,
 For I may turn, though worm in dirt,
 And when you pout, affect surprise,
 And say 'tis shocking form to flirt.

W. H. ALEXANDER.

SATURDAY'S EXHIBITION GAME.

Varsity's senior Rugby team travelled to Kingston last Saturday morning. The boys knew they were going to play a clean, hard, fast, friendly game, which they did. Consequently everybody was in the best of spirits. "Yank" Brown of the *Mail and Empire* was along with his library bagpipes and played "Up a bank and doon a brae" to the great delight of everybody on the train. A good representation of the Queen's men met the train and escorted the team to the British American, where the boys dined dressed and started for the athletic grounds. The day was fine, consequently a good crowd was in attendance, especially of the fair sex for which Kingston is justly famous and with whom the Varsity boys are very popular. With the exception of the ubiquitous kid the boys were well treated during the whole game, and even kids did nothing more than give them a little harmless "chin music."

The game was slow during first half, but the second half showed a good deal of first class and at times brilliant football. Alex McKenzie played the game of his life here. The great Metcalf was on him at first, but was so easy that he was replaced during first half by the veteran Ross, who was a better match, but by no means his equal. Alex is one man on the Varsity team who merits the highest praise. He's a first class inside wing—the best going—and withal a true sport under all circumstances. The defence was good, Hills, the new man, showing up very well indeed. He promises well for next year. The forward line did good work at times, but at critical moments showed weakness especially in defence play.

The purpose of the game was to help in the formation of an Inter-College League, and it certainly attained its end. At the dinner at which the Queen's team and students entertained the Varsity men so royally, every one who spoke mentioned the College League and was enthusiastic in its favor. Managers Parker and Inkster were informally authorized to communicate with other Colleges *re* the matter, and it is likely a meeting of delegates

from all the colleges will be held in Kingston about Thanksgiving Day.

Everybody from Varsity reports a good time, and hoped that the good will manifested during the game and dinner would continue and increase.

DICK GREER BACK.

Monday morning the genial face of R. H. Greer was seen again in the lecture room. For the past month he has been holding down an office stool in the City Hall, and incidentally lining his pockets with some of the shekles that the tax gatherer wrings from the horny hands of the working man. During the summer, Dick spent most of his time in the Western Peninsula, principally in London and Strathroy. He had such a good time that he intends spending his Christmas vacation there.

CHARLIE CHAISGREEN REVISITS VARSITY.

Charlie Chaisgreen, a classical graduate of the noble year of '95, has been spending a few days around Varsity. Since graduation "Chaisy" has spent most of his time in Old Mexico. He held there a good position on the railroad, which he left to seek his fortune in Central America. There the fever lay hold upon him, however, and he was compelled to come north. The past summer he spent at his home in St. Thomas, Ont., and in October went to Hamilton where he is attending the Ontario Normal College. Needless to say, "Chaisy" does not intend to spend his days teaching school, and before many months he will probably be on his way down south again.

"It is a grand country," he said, "and Canadians get on well there."

While in Toronto he renewed many of his old acquaintances, and heard tidings from many an old friend of '95, who is now separated as far from his *Alma Mater* as "Chaisy" was when he was fighting the malaria in Central America.

MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES.

The medical students met the other afternoon and elected their representatives to the various functions of their sister colleges. The "bun" fell to the lot A. D. Stewart, who will go to McGill dinner as the student's representative. T. H. Lawrence was chosen to go to Queen's, R. Howey to Bishop Ridley, J. P. Mitchell to Trinity, F. J. Cawthorpe to the Western, at London, while the renowned Jimmie Baker will come to Varsity's Conversat.

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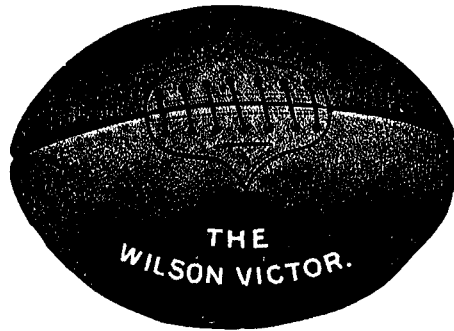
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