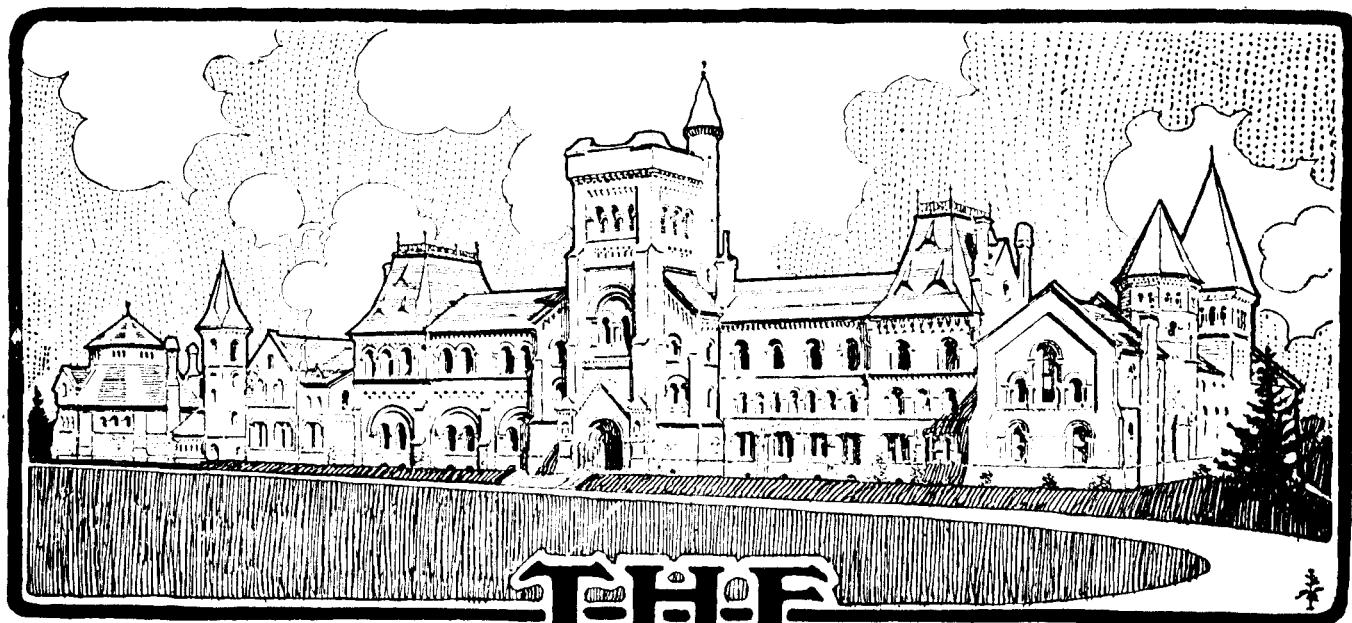


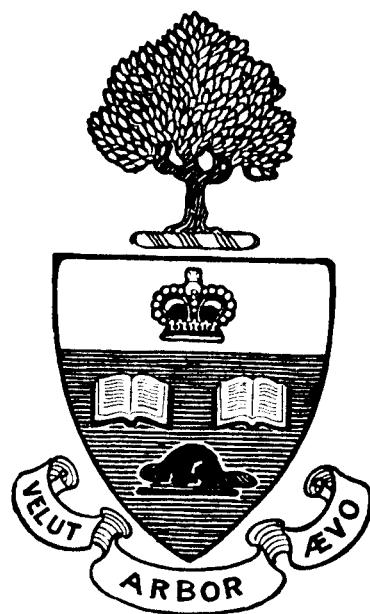
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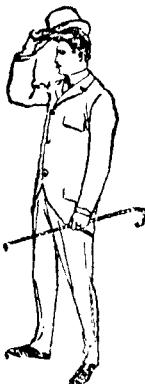


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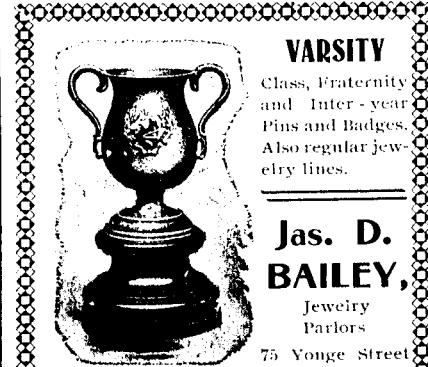
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Some Italian Churches

"Tis said Toronto is the City of Churches. But Toronto in all her glory is not arrayed with churches like Italy. There are a cool 300 churches in Naples; there are over 400 in Rome; and in the rest of Italy they are scattered with equal profusion. The tourist from the great and glorious nation to the south of us, acting in accordance with the principle that whatever is common is cheap (principle well authenticated in commercial circles), affects to disregard the churches and art galleries of Italy. I have seen a Pittsburg millionaire, with diamond shirt stud and all the rest of it (once common day-laborer in Glasgow) go through the Pitti Palace in Florence in fifteen minutes to the second, while his brother held the stop-watch. He raced through the halls like a man demented, his arms and legs rigid, his head turning quickly from side to side as he took in the pictures, and when he came to the end the sweat was bubbling out on his brow. He conducted himself more circumspectly in the churches but even there he showed his true colors. In one church, so rumor had it, he had crept up behind a confessional box where Sweet Sixteen was confessing her sins to an unshaven priest, and there greedily listened to all that was said; cursing his very soul that he could not understand Italian. But for the rest, he gave the churches the go-by, ana would have none of them. "They're common as dirt," he said, with a fine sense of simile.

One cannot but have a fellow feeling for the Pittsburg millionaire, and yet at the same time one must remember that those who "cut" the Italian churches as he did, miss one-half the glory that was Italy.

At first the glory is not apparent. Take the Cathedral at Naples. Naples is the most poverty-stricken city in Europe. In 1870 two-thirds of the population had no recognized means of living, lived like dogs in the gutters. Even now men live in the old fondaci, forty in a room, and a cesspool in the corner. And all this squalor and misery and vice gathers and festers about the doors of the Cathedral. As you go up the steps you meet a blind man with the flies clustering about his eyes. A woman holds out a naked child swollen with sickness and quite unconscious, pleading for alms. You turn away from her to meet a man suffering from some loathsome disease which has eaten away his nose and lips and ears. If you so much as give him five centesimi (one cent), you are immediately surrounded by an angry mob of the halt and the lame and the blind, the fatherless and the widow, all clamoring for "macaroni." Your only safety (if you do not wish to be infected with every disease under the sun) lies in scattering to the four corners of the earth a handful of coppers, and fleeing amain.

Then, in addition to the misery that gathers head about the doors of the Cathedrals, there is very often about the churches of Italy a painful element of the ridiculous. One is sometimes tempted to wonder whether St. Paul, like the "Omnia Gallia" of the schoolboy, was not divided into "three halves." All over Europe one finds the "disjecta membra" of the Great Apostle, here the head, there the trunk, in another place "half of him," and so forth; and when one puts two and two together, the result comes out at considerably more than four. Sometimes too, one's sense of modesty is shocked at being shown the left ankle-bone or big toe-nail of Ste. Ursula, or some other virgin saint, who we feel sure would not have permitted such an exhibition in her lifetime. The taste of the ecclesiastical authorities in these matters leaves much to be desired. Among the saints on the roof of the Milan Cathedral, for instance, they have placed the statue of Napoleon, and there the little Corsican stands in the midst of the saints.

With neck outthrust, you fancy how,
Legs wide, arms locked behind,
As if to balance the prone brow
Oppressive with its mind.

As the Milanese say, there are on the roof of Milan Cathedral 999 saints and one other.

Many of the little ecclesiastical legends are equally artistic. In the neighborhood of Rome, for instance, there are three springs to be found together by the roadside, several yards apart. the story about them is that once a saint, was slaughtered there, and that as his head rolled from his shoulders and fell on the ground, it bounded three times, and wherever it bounded a spring of pure water sprang up after it. At first one is lost in admiration at the neatness of the explanation, but after a while one begins to wonder about the resiliency of that sainted head.

Another good legend, of a similar aetiological character, was told by Canon Cody of St. Paul's several years ago in a lecture at the University. There is in Rome a Church of the Jesuits, which is situated on a high hill, and comes in for all the winds that blow. The popular story is that once the Devil and the Wind were gadding about the city of Rome and happened on this Church of the Jesuits. Said the Devil to the Wind, "I'm going into this church to look around. You wait here till I come out." "Alright," said the Wind, "I'll wait." So the Devil went into the Church of the Jesuits to look around, and the Wind waited and waited and waited, and the story is that it is still waiting, raving after its lost friend. For the Devil has never come out.

When detraction has done its worst, however, the fact remains that the churches of Italy are a thing of beauty and a joy forever. There is not

one that is lacking in its peculiar interest. Some of them such as St. Mark's in Venice, St. Peter's, St. John in Laterano and Milan Cathedral, derive their interest from their full-orbed magnificence. Of these the example par excellence is St. Peter's. Of St. Peter's Mendelssohn wrote, "It appears to me like some great work of nature,—a forest, a mass of rocks, or something similar; for I can never realize the idea that it is the work of man. You strive as little to distinguish the ceiling as the canopy of heaven. You lose your way in St. Peter's; You take a walk in it, and ramble until you are quite tired; when divine service is performed and chanted there, you are not aware of it until you come quite close. . . You lose all idea of measurement with the eye, or proportion." St. Peter's, together with the Coliseum, the Baths of Caracalla, and the new Palazzo di Grazia e Giustizia, is a standing example of the megalomania of the Romans. It is so stupendous that the temperature of its incense-laden atmosphere remains the same the whole year long, cool and delightful in the heats of August and the snows of December. It is almost impossible to describe it. Perhaps, however, one of the least inadequate descriptions of it is to be read in Mr. Marion Crawford's "Via Crucis":

"But in the ancient basilica of Saint Peter there was peace; there the white-haired priests solemnly officiated in the morning and at noon, and toward evening more than a hundred rich voices of men and boys sang the vesper psalms in the Georgian tunes; there slim youths in violet and white swung silver censers before the high altar, and the incense floated in rich clouds upon the sunbeams that fell slanting to the ancient floor; there, as in many a minster cloister of the world, the Church was still herself, as she was, and is, and always will be."

There are churches that derive their interest from other considerations. There is the interesting old Chiesa di San Stefano in Florence (the oldest church in Florence, I think) which saw the inception of the Guelf and Ghibelline struggles, when the Amidei laid their swords in a glittering star on its high altar and swore vengeance on the Buondelmonti. It is scarcely noticed in the guide-books, and is not easy to find. You approach it through dark tunnel-like passages (once the passages of the Lamberti palace, but now streets), and finally emerge onto a tiny enclosed piazzetta, on which the church faces. A chattering old verger with a red skull-cap and a jangling bunch of keys opens a side gate of iron, and leads the way through a passage-way floored, walled and roofed with thirteenth century tombstones. He points out one inscribed in German, the grave-stone of a nameless German knight who had died far from the Fatherland. You enter the Church, and the old man indicates a cracked painting by the altar in which a yellow Christ agonizes on the cross. "The Crucifixion, by Salvatori," he says proudly. He lets up the blinds, and motions to you to take a snap-shot. It seems sacrilege, but you do it. You take a look around, at the sparse bare benches, at the flagstone floor, at the tapers of the prie-dieu up the wall flaring in the draught. As you go, you give the old verger a lira. "Grazie, signor," he chatters, as he locks the gate behind you.

Still another interesting church is the Coliseum at Rome. One does not usually class it as a church, but in the Middle Ages it was used constantly by the monks as a place to preach in—a kind of huge open-air revival tent—and even now the arena is regarded as holy ground by the Roman Catholic Church. It has been a Circus, a Church, and a Fortress. In the eleventh century the Frangipani held it against all comers for a whole year, and their barracks may still be seen in the underground passages. The whirligig of time has wrought strange havoc on the old Coliseum. Immense as it is, it is now only one third the size it once was. In the Middle Ages it was used as a stone-quarry; and half a dozen of the largest palaces in Rome are built with its stones. As the old verse,

"Quod non fecere barbari, fecere Barberini!"
What the Barbarians did not do in the way of vandalism, the Roman barons did. Nevertheless, the Coliseum still stands, and one can still sit in the seat of the circus-goer and the sermon-taster, and still hear across the lapse of years the cry of the gladiator and the thunders of the monk.

W. S. W.

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Co-Education

I am afraid it was not with unmixed feelings of interest and amusement that I read the article on Co-Education in the last issue of Varsity. One ray of hope is, however, that the signature of "Amen" carries with it the suggestion that the last word is being said on the subject, and I know there are many among the women students at least who will not be sorry to see by the pseudonym adopted, that this writer announces tacitly that for him this article is "the limit," which I think it might truly in vernacular phraseology be called.

Unlike "One of Them," "Amen" has not stated explicitly whether his views are to be taken as representative of the Varsity man in general, or merely as his personal impressions, and this ought perhaps to excite no surprise. But however accurately "Amen's" wide experience with college women may enable him to divine their general opinions, I feel that my own very limited intercourse with college men can scarcely justify me in deciding as to how far certain of "Amen's" conceptions, or rather misconceptions, are prevalent. Should later developments show that the numbers holding these ideas are scarcely sufficient to merit attention, and should this reply then be considered as rather aside from the question, no person could possibly be better satisfied than the present writer to learn that these sentiments, from the mere fact of the fewness of those who share them, may safely be neglected—to say nothing of quite obvious reasons for which this neglect seems the only really merited and worthy course.

I should like, however, to say a word on the much-discussed point of social life. No student could deny that it is of the most superficial character, and far be it from me to deny that it is tiresome and in no way helpful or elevating to women, any more than men.

But I do not quite see why "Amen" should assume that the women of University College are particularly interested in social functions. We all

have, I am sure, attended receptions where the men were considerably in the majority and where they made stupendous efforts to gain admission. Perhaps here, again, my own limited experience of the demands college social life makes upon certain students' time prevents my giving the writer the sympathy his harrowing experiences doubtless deserve. That these must have been of a particularly unfortunate character I shall endeavor charitably to believe, as that alone may serve to palliate, I will not say justify, the insinuation that any college woman ever thinks she has, or desires to have any claim on that precious commodity known as "men's time"—an insinuation which to every self-respecting woman student is as intolerable as it is untrue.

I do not like to mention a certain still more insufferable remark of "Amen's" in regard to what he is pleased to call a "matrimonial bureau." While I am willing to give "Amen" all the credit due the originality of the idea, I must admit that it is scarcely a direction in which one would expect a normally-constituted student to turn his attention and that his genius might find a more fruitful field elsewhere. It is, however, encouraging to learn that this abnormal attitude of mind has not yet reached "the average man," and therefore it is possible by the prompt use of quarantine measures and of inoculations of common sense, to prevent the spread of these morbid and alarming symptoms.

After the disparaging remarks of the earlier part of the article, the gracious condescension of the last paragraph is particularly refreshing. The whole tone of the article has won for the opinions of "Amen" such hearty respect, that it is indeed a relief to find that he does not question the right of women to higher education, nor even, oh magnanimity! their right "to remain in University College until such time as proper opportunities for education may offer themselves."

And while we are awaiting this consummation which we no less than the men students do devoutly wish, we cherish, I hope, all the respect and becoming deference due to those whose chivalrous sentiments and courteous consideration, when magnified so unmistakably as in the present instance, show them to be possessors of "the instincts of a gentleman."

Another Woman Student.



In the "Varsity" of January 10th, appeared a reply to the article on Co-Education in the issue before Christmas, and while I do not believe that any good can come from a discussion in point of this very delicate subject, I think it is almost necessary that something now should be said on the subject.

In the first place, then, it seems to me that "Amen" would have done very well indeed had he followed the example of "One of them" and let it be understood at once that he was not acting as the mouthpiece of the men of University College any more than "One of Them" was for the women. Any of the men whom I have heard express opinions on the subject have unanimously declared that "Amen's" effusion would serve only to increase any differences of opinions which already exist between the men and the women.

For my part I fail to see that there is anything "absurd" in the idea that women might serve to elevate the moral tone of the college; certainly

they might improve the manners of some of us. "Amen's" caustic remarks with regard to the University being a "matrimonial bureau" in the minds of the "Co-Eds" is as ungentlemanly as it is uncalled for.

I do not for a moment intend to pose as the champion of the women of University College. On the contrary I cannot but think that "One of them" has an entirely wrong view of things. The lack of sympathy and appreciation for women is, to my mind, caused to a very great extent by the women themselves. They assume an attitude which says more plainly than word, "Knock the chip off my shoulder if you dare." They see in everything a slight or even an insult—for instance the introduction of the two now famous ladies in the Mock Trial was the cause of considerable indignation among certain of the women, who saw in this piece of good-natured nonsense a "deliberate attempt to insult the women of University College." Very little sympathy or understanding can exist in this atmosphere. Again some of the women complain that the courses of study here are so restricted for women that they are too narrow. Surely the size of one's horizon is limited only by the strength of one's eyesight. So far as I know all the societies organized in connection with the different departments are open to women with the exception of the Hietorical Association, one of the chief aims of which would be frustrated were the membership even slightly increased. Furthermore "One of them" should remember that the Men's "Lit." and Men's Glee Club are both organizations which existed long before women were admitted to the college.

A great deal more might be said along the same lines, but their would be little profit from it. I agree with "Amen" that no man—or was it gentleman?—of this Institution "looks down on" the women. The picture which "One of them" draws of the ardent Freshman having his ideals concerning Varsity girls, shattered by the cruel Seniors is, to say the least of it, amusing.

The root of all the trouble lies in the fact that intercourse between men and women here must necessarily be superficial, conducted as it is. It is very like our examination system—either too much, or far too little. That it is superficial is either a matter of congratulation or regret; of congratulation to those who feel that no body in the world can at all improve on that manful creation themselves; of regret, to those who feel that there may be something even yet to learn in the pursuit of that most difficult ideal, the courteous gentleman.

"A."



In the last number of Varsity "Amen" contributed an article on a subject which the students, as a whole, had hoped would be dropped. It is only one of a number of articles and it is not the writer's intention to criticize any in detail.

The subject of Co-education has been freely discussed, both by tongue and pen, among the students. Humorous, sarcastic, sincere remarks have been made and with the regrettable result that a slight feeling of antagonism has been engendered among some. How has this bettered the condition of affairs for any of us? We have made a "mountain out of a mole-hill."

We pretend to be—we are women, some just en-

tering the threshold of womanhood, others already knowing the meaning of that term in its joys and sorrows. Are we proving we are such in accepting challenges never intended; if intended, can we accept them as made by a gentleman?

For the majority of us our college career is the last chapter of student life. We are here to receive a training that will mould and prepare us to take our place in the bustling business and social world. To those of us for whom the coming months are the ending of the old life; who in a short time will have begun a new, we almost shrink in wonder and fear from the future and wish we might stay a little longer here. Do we then eliminate trivial annoying incidents of the social function or class-room? I think not. We came, not with the idea of making a society reputation, but, in living in an air of intellectualism and of high ideals, to improve ourselves mentally and socially. What, if now and again we meet one who has not yet had the crude corners rubbed smooth—or one who has become "polished," yet who, in his contemptible self-conceit, has forgotten the instincts of a true gentleman? We can forget this and cherish rather the memory of association with a beautiful character.

Among such a number as are registered in University College, can we complain at encountering one whose conduct is repulsive to our finer natures? We can avoid an occurrence—any repetition at least—of rudeness to ourselves and seek refuge in the company of kindred spirits.

We are proud of belonging to a Provincial University where we are received as students on a par with men. When the women have a college of their own the ideal of higher education for women will have been attained. In the meantime we can overlook petty grievances happening to us as "co-eds." Let the men realize the true nobility of woman's character; let our whole environment be pervaded by it. Then "the best will come to us"—our associates will not refuse to give what of generosity, truth and purity we demand of them.

"One of the others."



The Lit

The first meeting of the Lit. for the Easter term was held on Friday night. The attendance was much smaller than usual, the reason, presumably, being that it was Constitution Night. It is unfortunate that the members do not take a more active interest in the revision of the Constitution. A full discussion of each clause would not only familiarize the members with the Constitution, but would also greatly assist the committee. The task it has to perform is no light one and it would be very grateful for such suggestions as would surely be made in a well attended meeting of the Society.

It was, of course, expected that the main interest of the evening would centre in the consideration of the Constitution. But it didn't. A motion was made to take the money required to pay for the song books, which were recently issued from the reserve fund of the Society. After a discussion out of all proportion to the real importance of the motion, it was decided to have a

vote on the matter at the close of the meeting. The voting began before eleven and it was after one before the polls closed. During this time about 100 men who had not been present at the first part of the meeting voted. They were summoned from their rooms and many of them were roused from their sleep to come over. Energetic campaigners are now telling interesting stories of their encounters with irate landladies before they could get interviews with the men they sought. The affair was a miniature reproduction of the election of last March, and the men of the first year who were present can form some idea of what is in store for them this spring. The final vote was 77 to 61 in favor of the motion. As, however, a two-thirds vote is required to take money from the reserve fund, the motion was declared lost.



Debate

U. C. met defeat in debate with Osgoode on Thursday evening last. Sovereign and Meader of U. C. upheld the affirmative of the resolution, "That Canada should substantially aid a merchant navy." Messrs. McDonald and Botsford of the Hall argued the negative. Our boys debated well in spite of the fact that the judges gave the verdict against them.

The fates seem against us in the Inter-College, but we hope for better luck on the night of Jan. 28, when Varsity meets Queen's in this city in the final of the Inter-University. Messrs. Waddell and Jamieson (J. S.) will represent Varsity—Messrs. McDonald and Boland Queen's. The resolution is "That Canada should aid Imperial defence by taking immediate steps to establish a Canadian navy." Varsity has the negative.



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"As a student I was signally undistinguished. My sympathies a little go out to my own clique—the idle unsuccessful majority. I suffered a great deal by the advice tendered to me to mend my ways. . . . One of the most encouraging remarks made to me at the commencement of my career fell from the then consulting surgeon of the hospital. Referring to a surgeon then enjoying great fame, he said: 'I don't see why you should not do as well as he has done, because at your age he was a perfect fool.' That made me extremely happy."

—Sir Frederick Treves, in *The Young Man*.

Exchange

An unusually concise and readable article on "Journalism as a Profession" appears in the Christmas number of "The News-Letter," the student organ of the Johns Hopkins University. The writer attaches little importance to the ability of a man to write good English. On the contrary, he says, "The main thing is to know what to write about—in other words, to know what constitutes news, what the public really wants to read and be advised about. Some of the most successful men at the top seldom write a line. They tell the men at the bottom what to say." Character, and particularly, love of truth are considered as among the first requisites of a successful journalist.

The Sophomore class at Harvard has shattered all traditions by electing to the office of president, W. H. Keesing, of Sioux City, Ia., who is working his way through college. President Keesing is one of the large force of student-waiters at Randall Hall. Class presidencies at Harvard have hitherto always been filled by prominent society or fraternity men, or at least by men distinguished in athletics.

A beautiful article in commemoration of the late Principal Caven, of Knox College, by Rev. C. W. Gordon (Ralph Connor), appears in the January number of the Manitoba College Journal.

Apparently Toronto is not the only University having students tardy in paying class fees. "It is remarkable," says the Manitoba College Journal, "with what reluctance the student fees come to the treasurer. Would it be in any way unconstitutional, as regards either the college or the student body, if the faculty were to collect the student fees along with the tuition fees? This is a question for which wise heads might get together to work out a solution. Would it not conduce to a more efficient collection?"

A most interesting journal is the college magazine of the University of Glasgow. Like most Old Country publications it is brimful of "meat." As a "reflickshun" on Christmas, the following from a number just to hand seems appropriate:

"Whin noite is crapein' o'er the city an' the owld yeer flies away
 Put yer fate upon the tinder an' be gay, moity gay;
 When ye wakin' be the mornin' wid a pane in yer poor hid,
 Why, 'tis Christmas toime! an' be gobs! 'eil sun be did.
 Sure 'e can't be always gronin' fur the sins 'e cudn't hilp,
 So furgit thim, an' be huppy, is the burdoon av me rime;
 An' wid faemals, an' wid purties, an' wid inythin' 'e loike,
 Yer bound to have a moity fine gud time."

A scathing rebuke to undergraduate rowdyism at a theatrical performance is contained in a recent number of the Cornell Alumni News. So annoyed did the audience become that the manager of the playhouse was obliged to go into the gallery and cause the arrest of several offenders.

In a subsequent issue of the same journal appears an article on "Goldwin Smith's Prophecy." Professor Smith's remarks re the certainty of Canada's annexation with the United States, as stated in his reply to criticism of his recent speech at Ottawa, are quoted verbatim.

At a meeting of the Council of the University of Manitoba last month the term of the course in medicine was lengthened to five years. Outside of McGill, where the fifth year is devoted almost entirely to clinics, Manitoba has now the longest course in medicine of any Canadian university. The change comes into force in 1905, but will not affect any of the classes at present entered.



There are many who will be pleased to learn that the present Freshman class has taken a step which will doubtless lead to the adoption of a uniform "Arts" pin. It will be remembered that the present Sophomore class, in choosing their pin last year, selected a design distinctly emblematic of University College, it being arranged so that by simply changing the figures which represent the year, succeeding years might also use it. The present first year has seen the advantage of uniformity in this matter and have decided to wear this pin. It should be very easy to persuade incoming years to fall in line, and two years hence—at the latest—there should be a standard Arts faculty pin. Nor should it conflict in any way with the University of Toronto pin, as this will in most cases be worn as well as the college pin. So long as there are classes, there will likely be class pins, and a step to uniformity is a step in the right direction.



An Epoch in Canadian History—An Appreciation*

A handsome example of the printer's Art is the 36 page brochure published by the Upper Canada College Old Boys' Association on the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the college by Sir John Colborne in 1829. The press work is on coated paper and the embossed corner shows the title in two colors with the college coat of arms in gilt. The appreciation is written by Frank Arnoldi, K.C. and is prefaced by a photogravure from a painting of Sir John Colborne. A condensed history of the founding of the college, its succession of masters and the vicissitudes through which it has passed in its struggles for its rights and even for its existence on one or more occasions is admirably written. The work of the Old Boys' Association is given full credit for the success attained by the college in freeing itself from government control, and in having its charter and endowment vested in a private corporation. The value of the college as a Canadian Institution is particularly insisted upon and the contention is well sustained in the argument. The illustrations are, some of them, of historic interest unto all, particularly those of buildings, and grounds, and the pictures of the whole succession of principals and many of the old masters are of peculiar interest and value to the Old Boys for whom the appreciation is written.

M. C.

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Representatives to be appointed from the other colleges

Toronto, January 19, 1905.

A crisis has been reached in the affairs of The University of Toronto Union. The failure of the Union to meet its expenses and to fill the place in the University that a representative club such as it should fill, must be admitted. There seems little possibility, judging from the deficit of last year and the deficit up to date of this year, that the Union as at present constituted will ever pay its running expenses. The questions then arise, Can the Union be placed on a paying basis? Does it fill a need of sufficient importance to justify its maintenance? and, if not, can it be made to do so? The last question is the crux of the whole situation. If the Union satisfies a need sufficient to justify its existence. The problem of expenses is one that will be easy of solution. If, on the other hand, the Union does not administer to such need, then nothing entitles it to a further life—and a constantly recurring deficit will make such impossible.

The functions of the Union outside the control that is exercised over the University are purely social. Its rooms offer pleasant diversion for those who have time to profit by the social intercourse it promotes or the reading privileges it affords. If the men from the various faculties refuse to support the Union, it is because its advantages are not sufficient to induce them to become members.

At present the University of Toronto Union is the one society that is representative of all the faculties. By virtue of its representative character it is peculiarly fitted to exercise the functions and powers of a university society that would unite all the faculties by drawing its membership from them, and whose executive would constitute a permanent central committee. There is imperative need for such a society, there is imperative need that the Union be recognized—the inference is obvious.

The University paper could be brought entirely under the control of a recognized Union. This would be a twofold advantage. It would take

the paper from the often unwholesome influence of party politics in University College, and necessitate the removal of the existing stipulation that two out of the three chief officers on the board must be held by University College students. Then, too, the *Torontonensis* could be edited by the society. A supervision could be exercised by its executive over the dining hall. If desirable, the club could meet periodically as a literary and debating society, and supplant University College as a member of the Inter-University Debating League.

When anything of especial importance that involves the interests of all the faculties comes up, resort must be had to the cumbersome expedient of appointing an extraordinary committee. University College, let us say, takes the initiative. The societies of the other colleges are consulted and these eventually elect their representatives. Then there is the difficult and time-absorbing task of convening this widely scattered committee. And it has jurisdiction in the one particular case for the settlement of which it has been convened! Almost daily matters are coming up that call for direction by a central university committee. In the executive of a recognized union we should have such a committee. And not the least of the duties of such a permanent body would be its power to act as the representative of the student body in all relations with the faculty.

Why not, then, remodel the Constitution of the University of Toronto Union and make of it a society having, if not all, at least some, of the powers enumerated above. The fees paid at elections—such elections would be the chief ones among the Undergraduate Society—would meet all expenses.



We greatly regret that in our last issue an article on Co-education, which was written, we feel, in a spirit of gentle satire and friendly repartee, should have given such offence to a certain portion of our readers. It was in this friendly spirit that the Editor read the original copy, and we cannot help adding that we still view the obnoxious article in much the same light.



The announcement was made this week that Mr. J. L. McPherson, M.A., will be sent by the International Committee of the Young Men's Christian Association to the city of Hong Kong, China, to take the leadership of the Association movement among the European young men of that city. There have been few alumni of Toronto who have exerted the same influence on the undergraduate body as has Mr. McPherson. He has been connected in so many different ways, and for so long, with university life that his active interest in all academic matters will be greatly missed. Though everyone regrets his leaving, yet all join in wishing him success in the new work which he is soon to undertake.

Mr. McPherson expects to sail from Vancouver about February 20.

The COLLEGE GIRL

MISS P. A. MAGEE, Superintending Editor



Queen's Hall

The mere mention of our Women's Residence seems like a dream or some similar airy fairy fabrication, but a sight of the building itself gives a certain substantiality, and all possibility of "an optical delusion" vanishes before the hearty assertions of the many happy college girls who for the past week have been enjoying its comforts.

And many comforts there are to enjoy. The bed-rooms are all bright, airy, and well-heated. The furniture, though plain, is good and suited to its purpose. Everywhere there is evidence that a great deal of thought and taste has been used in laying out to the best advantage, the funds at disposal.

The greatest care has been taken to render the drawing-room home-like and attractive, as also the library, though it must be admitted the empty shelves of the latter are rather a drawback. As yet the only books received are the handsomely bound volumes of Chamber's Encyclopaedia, the gift of Professors Ramsey Wright, Irving Cameron, Coleman, Primrose, Reeves and Walker. It is confidently expected, however, that the library will not long remain in its present destitute condition.

The dining-room is handsomely furnished in Flemish oak; the entire furnishing of the room is the gift of Mrs. William Mackenzie. The silver all bears the monogram Q.H., Queen's Hall being the name chosen for the residence.

The furniture of one bed-room was the gift of Mrs. Larkin, of Rosedale.

In all the girls' rooms there is a plentiful display of pictures and photographs, but in the larger rooms downstairs, the walls, though freshly and tastefully decorated, still look rather bare, while waiting for the donations of pictures, a few of which are promised. There is also an ardent wish on the part of the girls to have a piano, and there is every prospect of this wish being soon gratified.

In answer to a question about the routine, was told that, like every other family, they had their meals, which in their case were served at the hours of eight, a quarter past one, and half-past six, and that so far there had been no need of a fourth! This last remark suggested delightful possibilities for the days, or rather the nights of "the mid-night oil" which are to come!

The fewness of rules, and the freedom from restraint, cannot fail to give to the residence an air of homeliness which impresses even a casual visitor. And in the midst of their present comfort and delight, the gratitude of the girls goes out especially to the ladies and the Board of

Trustees, who have provided so carefully for their welfare, as well as to the many friends whose interest has been so substantially expressed



The Women's Literary

The Women's Literary Society held their first meeting for this year, last Saturday evening. Though the attendance was not so large as might have been desired, the meeting was a very interesting one.

The first business discussed was the sending of a delegate to the Silver Bay Conference next year. The Y.M.C.A. sent two delegates last year, and the experiment proved so helpful that the Literary Society has decided to try the plan also.

Another matter discussed was the question of what should be done with the dollars received from Mrs. Hall to be invested in books for the Grace Hall Library. It was finally decided that a good English dictionary should be bought.

The business was followed by a vocal solo by Miss Fleming, one of our graduates.

Then came the debate between the second and fourth years on the subject: "Resolved that the education received at a Collegiate is superior to that received at a Ladies' College." The affirmative was taken by Miss Bastedo and Miss Vandersmissen '07; the negative, by Miss Strong and Miss Ward, '05.

The debate was an unusually good one, as the subject besides interesting most of those present, was very well presented. The arguments were well chosen, and well delivered on both sides.

The judges, Miss Brown, Miss Laugh, and Miss Patterson had considerable difficulty in coming to a decision, which was in favor of the affirmative. Both sides were, however, complimented for their able management of their arguments.

The debate was followed by a vocal solo by Miss McKinnon.

The next meeting of the society is to be in charge of the Graduates, as this plan had been suggested as a means of bringing graduates and undergraduates closer together. The regular meeting comes, however, on the same night as the debate between Queen's and the University of Toronto, and therefore it was decided to change the date of our next meeting to some night which might be convenient to the graduates.

The announcement was also made that the regular open meeting of the Society, which is to take the form of a literary program, followed by a dance, will be held on the evening of Friday, Feb. 3.

As the tone of a recent article in the college journal on Co-Education made some action imperative, the subject was brought forward and after considerable discussion, the following resolution, a copy of which is to be sent to the editor of "Varsity," was adopted: That in view of the fact that all newspaper discussion is fruitless and provokes bitter feeling rather than fairness, the Women's Literary Society formally denies its sanction to any further discussion in "Varsity" re Co-Education by any member of the Society.



The Jennings Cup series will probably begin within the next two weeks. Several of the teams have already started practice.

The University Lacrosse Club is looking forward to a successful season. A good schedule is being arranged, which will include games with Buffalo, Cornell, Steven's Institute of Hoboken, Crescents of Brooklyn, Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, Lehigh University, Johns Hopkins. If these games are finished early enough in the season, the team after its return may go west as far as Chicago.

The Senior hockey team will open the season here on Saturday night, with a game against McGill. The game will be played in the Mutual street rink, and every student should turn out and support the team.

Around the Halls

University College

Nothing has occurred as yet this term to break the wearisome monotony of things around the College. The last throes of excitement caused by the Freshman Reception have long since subsided, and only an occasional bell or the jingling of the janitor's keys disturbs the sepulchral silence of the halls. The freshmen have ceased to shout their yell and the Editor of the Year Book no longer buttonholes and cross-examines unfortunate delinquents. The sparkling sybarites of the senior year no longer bask in the morning sun at the front entrance, but frequent with perturbation and misgiving their long-neglected lectures. All these signs point to a severe winter and an early spring. University College, we think, generally takes the lead of the other faculties in settling down to work in the Easter term, and this year proves no exception. It may be that the conscience of an Arts student is more tender, and more susceptible to the terrors of impending examinations, but it is an undoubted fact that Artsmen are now less conspicuous in the front rows of the city theatres. No names need be mentioned. By their works ye shall know them.

A rumor has come to our ears that Gordon B-lf-r was seen the other day in the Library. It is also reported that he was making arrangements to locate there permanently. Undoubtedly some enemy has spread this false and malicious calumny and to refute it we gladly take up the cudgels in Mr. B's behalf. If he were in the Library, we are sure he came there, not on purpose, but by accident, and knew not where he was going. It is not to be believed that he would think of setting up his dñi senatis in that place which for years has been to him a terra incognita.

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political significance. Skilful prophets like W. Hutton or Alee M—ns—n (of whom, alas! the old proverb holds true,) foretell an election. An augury is drawn from the lines of McGoe's hands that there will soon be something "doing," something stirring enough to arouse the apathetic students from their usual lethargy, and to make Bitzer's moustache sprout once more. A purity fund has already started, to which all pure-minded freshmen are expected to contribute.

Joe Gray, on several occasions when in converse with freshmen, has been noticed with his right hand lifted in a threatening manner. Joe assures us that his intentions were far from belligerent, and that by his gesticulations he was merely clinching a few points in his arguments re the merits of the Unionists. He desires it to be understood that he is not naturally bloodthirsty and is always ready to use pacific methods in convincing his opponents.

All students with a leaning to sensationalism are urged to commit as soon as possible, some deed short of murder, that will make themselves famous and will increase the weekly budget of college news. Freshmen will understand that attending the rink and wearing a gown are not enough to deserve a personal. More strenuous methods are necessary. Anyone thinking of departing from this vale of tears will kindly bring off the event between Thursday and Monday so that the obituary notice will not be inserted too late to be a piece of live news. We urge as many as can do so, in this or other ways, to help along this column.

Mr. Walter S. Verrall has again been confined to the hospital at his home in Chatham. Latest reports, however, state that he is improving and will be around the halls again, after his long siege in the hospitals, within a week or two.

Geordie Sh—er, '06, at lecture in Greek Philosophy: "Please, Dr. T—e—y, would the Greek national games correspond to our modern Sunday School picnics?"

Applied Science

Dr. Clark, a graduate of Cornell, now director of forestry for Ontario, will give an address to-day before the Engineering Society, on the "Preservation of Our Canadian Forests."

Dr. Galbraith goes to New York this week, a guest of the graduates of Applied Science at the Alumni dinner.

At a meeting of the committee it was decided to defer the formal opening of the new building until late in February. The contract for lighting is not progressing as rapidly as was expected.

Mr. Hamilton, B.A., Sec. Past President of the

Eng. Society was awarded a special prize for his paper on "The Relative Attraction of Some Common Minerals for Residuum Oil" by the Executive of the Canadian Mining Institute.

Mr. James, President of Engl. Society, goes to Montreal, Friday, as representative to McGill's annual dinner.

The dining hall rations seem to be failing in quality, as the time wears on. In view of the fact that it is so well supported by the students couldn't something be done to improve the menu. It has been suggested that the "Union" which is really the mainstay of the dining hall should take over the management of affairs. Surely any change in the present management would be an improvement.

His many friends in University College will sympathize deeply with Mr. Milton Bates, of the 3rd year school, whose sister was killed on the Grand Trunk, near her home in Chatham, a week ago Wednesday.



The rumor that Mr. Trafford Jones has accepted a lucrative position as chief electrician to Dr. I—l—s is believed to be quite without foundation. Mr. Jones merely offered himself for the situation, but was tactfully refused and told to go away back and sit down.

The second year is about to enter upon the arduous task of constructing a telescope, from plans and specifications furnished by The Ladies' Home Journal (?).

It is expected that upon the completion of the telescope, the Journal will offer a valuable prize to anyone who can see through it.

The second year is fortunate in possessing a number of born organizers.

The men who, before Xmas, were busy making inflammatory orations from the tops of desks, in favor of quitting lectures four days early, are now equally busy getting up a petition for permission to hand in late those drawings they were unable to finish last term.

As a matter of fact, too many drawings were crowded on at the end of the last term and it would only be an act of fairness to the whole class to accept them now.

Wycliffe College

Mr. H. R. Trumper, B.A., had not, at the time of going to press, returned to our midst. His continual absence has been the cause of no inconsiderable anxiety among those who knew him best. One who knows him well has even

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gone so far as to express the fear that complications may have set in. Yet we think that the experience of the past warrants us in hoping against hope that Harry will return to us, even as he went—heart-whole.

We extend a very hearty welcome to our old friend and fellow-student, Mr. A. J. Johnston, who has returned to resume his studies in Arts.

We miss the majestic stride and dignified mien of one T. H. Stanley. We are hourly expecting his return.

January 27th is the date fixed upon for the Wycliffe College annual dinner. His Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, will be the guest of the evening.

Marius Blodgett, amidst the ruins of his den, "I will now clear out this Monte Carlo, and have a room again."

During the Christmas vacation the College has been spruced up considerably. The council evidently believe in the stitch that saves nine.

Lost—On or about Dec. 31st, '04, one G. T. Spriggs, formerly student in attendance at Wycliffe College. His room and seat at table are now occupied by a stranger, whose features are almost completely hidden by an abundant and bristling hirsute growth. This gentleman has the audacity, although I cannot call it the "bare-faced" audacity, to palm himself off as the only and original Spriggs. But we know better. And yet there is a certain something, a sort of undefined air of superiority and British pugnacity about this stranger which recalls the real Spriggs. Can it be that the Spriggs have sprouted, and are now branching out and blossoming forth? There is certainly something very "shady" about the whole mystery. Any information which will lead to the discovery of the original Spriggs, or to the identification of the stranger, will be gladly received by the college scribe or any of the freshmen.

N.B.—News has just been received as we go to press that a night-robe has been discovered in the college bath-room. No sign of the owner was found. Can it be that Spriggs has sunk into a watery grave?

At a meeting of the Literary last Friday impromptu speeches of three ministers were given by those present. Mr. Ben-Oiel acted as critic, which office he ably filled.

Knox College

Most of the boys have returned from Christmas turkey with more or less improved or damaged appearance. We still miss the familiar figure and

delightful voice of Messrs J. G. McKay and John Blue. It is generally understood that they are engaged in damaging the prospects of a couple of candidates in distant and unenlightened parts of our province.

We extend our sympathies to Mr. J. H. Reid and Mr. McEachern in the loss of their mothers.

Mr. A. M. Dallas spent his vacation in the vicinity of Huntsville in the interests of the Home Mission Committee.

At the meeting of the Knox "Lit." last Tuesday evening, Mr. J. H. Reid, M.A., read a paper on "Human Personality and Its Survival on Bodily Death." The paper was most carefully prepared, and was very excellent indeed. Mr. L. C. Fraser favored the boys with a couple of solos.

Dr. Sheraton began his work here last week.



Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 19th—Open meeting, Math. and Phys. Society. Profs. Baker and Chant speak.

Sunday, Jan. 22nd—University Sermon

Tuesday, Jan. 24th—Pol. Science Club, open meeting, 8 p.m., Chemistry Building. Prof. Mayor: Agricultural Resources of Canadian Northwest.

Wednesday, Jan. 25th—Open meeting Classical Society; Classics in English Schools. E. J. Kylie, B.A.

Saturday, Jan. 28th—Debate with Queen's.



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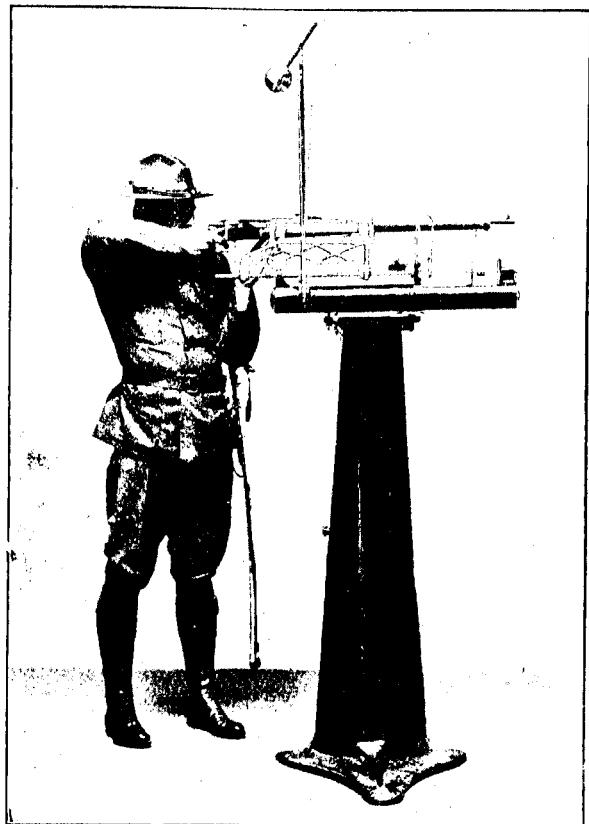
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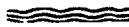
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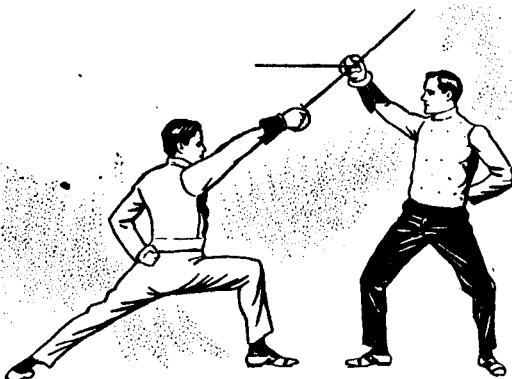
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