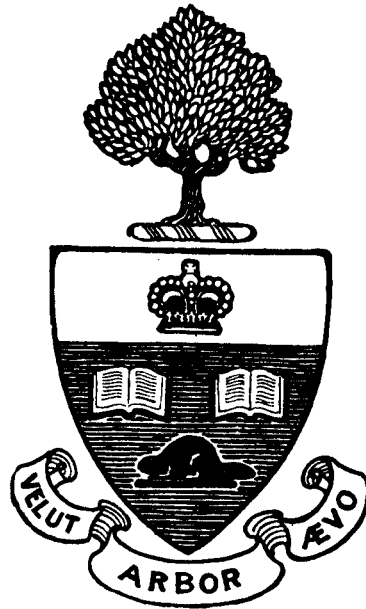


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THE CONVERSAZIONE IN DAYS OF OLD.

"And by the vision splendid
Is on his way attended."

WHEN the editor of THE VARSITY asked me to give some account of the conversazione in my undergraduate days I scarcely realized what an effort of the historical imagination it would require to carry out my promise. But the study of Anglo-Saxon, whatever be its difficulties, has certainly the merits of stimulating the historical sense and increasing our interest in the centuries now past.

It was once a matter of pride to speak of the days "when I was an undergraduate." These days are so long past that they have now become historically interesting to the modern student to whom they may well appear an antediluvian age.

Our deluge was a fire. The famous conflagration of St. Valentine's Day, 1890, now in all the encyclopedias as one of the notable events in the history of Toronto, was due to an unfortunate accident in connection with the preparations for the conversazione. It was certainly the most brilliant entertainment ever offered by any university to its guests, and was witnessed not only by some hundreds in evening dress, but by many thousands in various garbs who were enabled to enjoy the finest and costliest exhibition in the history of our city. For many months thereafter Toronto also enjoyed the privilege of exhibiting to the stranger within her gates the finest specimen of a mediæval ruin that America ever produced. When, after a year and a half, the restored building rose in almost startling freshness the recollection of the ruined pile became one of memory's possessions forever. Few of our present undergraduates can share in this recollection, but the conversazione of which I would tell lies as far behind the fire as the fire antedates our time. As a half-way house on this progress from the present to the past, let me pause at another conversazione, the most famous before the fire, that of 1884. On this occasion the brilliance was wholly intellectual. The two greatest living masters of English prose, one of them a master poet as well, sat together on the dais in Convocation Hall. In Queen's College, Oxford, the room was formerly shown where Prince Hal lived as a student. So at some future day visitors to University College may read in the Dean's house the inscription: "Here Goldwin Smith and Matthew Arnold were entertained by a Fellow of Merton." What the apostle of the doctrine of the remnant thought of the English in Canada may be read in

his letters; * how great an impression he made upon us, lives in the memory of those who heard him. His presence, with that of his old friend, lent a distinction to that particular University function, which it retained till the great fire swept the Hall itself away, with all its distinctions, into oblivion.

During my course as a student, the conversazione was the one social function that University College boasted. The word "function" had not yet come into use, nor had that system of co-education which is so largely responsible for the growth of this social element in college life during recent years. The entertainment was given by the College Literary and Scientific Society, to which, in those days, every student belonged. It was the undergraduates themselves who entertained; they invited the guests, including the Faculty, which numbered a baker's dozen, and it was well understood in the social circles of Toronto of Old that this was the students' opportunity of returning such courtesies and kindness as the townspeople and the Faculty had shown them. For, in that simpler era, when both Faculty and student body were comparatively small and when salaries were relatively much larger, there was more effort made by the members of the Faculty to entertain the students in their homes, Dr. Wilson and Professor Young being especially noted for their hospitality.

Owing to the limited number of students (about 150), it was customary for each one to get five tickets in return for the subscription fee of one dollar which he was expected to contribute. In addition, there were many complimentary tickets, and there was even a tradition that any graduate could gain entrance by appearing in the academic costume of cap and gown. Then a number of tickets were scattered around town in return for the loan of flags and other decorations, the result being a most variegated and democratic assembly, in which even the U. C. College third-form boy was able to make his presence felt.

With so limited an amount of money, it may be supposed there was no very great display. On the contrary, the æsthetic effects were, beyond all comparison, superior to anything possible at the present time. This was due to the beauty of the old building and to the fact that it united under one roof all the various activities of college life, from Library and Museum to Reading Room and Residence. Most important of all, the

* He did not tax us, like Mr. Chamberlain, with Provincialism, but he called us "Philistines, and Philistines of a hard type." However, that was a way he had, just as Thackeray thought every man a snob.

magnificent Convocation Hall, with its fretted woodwork roof and its beautiful historic window, gave us a concert-room that stirred the imagination with college memories, and might vie with any hall in Oxford or Cambridge, bar one.

This hall occupied the space which, in the new building, has been converted into lecture-rooms, professors' studies forming all that part of the east wing north of the entrance. In the east and west halls which are still preserved, on the first floor the Library and Museum were situated, and here the alcoves gave ideal nooks for youthful couples to linger in. Moreover, the Library had a remarkably handsome gallery, whence the boys referred to were wont to scrutinize the promenading couples, and whither the curious bookworm would repair to scan the volumes of the Benedictine fathers or the collection of Byzantine historians resting undisturbed in the calm retirement of their parchment covers. On the tables below were exhibited the rarer volumes of Audubon's "Birds of America," said to be worth \$3,000, the oldest book in the library, a Dante of the Fourteenth Century, the works of Queen Victoria with her autograph, and other interesting curios. Exhibitions of slides, less numerous but not less interesting than those which we may expect to see next Thursday, were also to be viewed in what is now the corridors, but was then the men's reading-room.

It is obvious that when University College was thus "self-contained" as a Scotchman would term it, much greater interest attached to the annual social gathering. Moreover, as an opportunity of viewing the gothic details of the building by the dim religious light of coal oil chandeliers and student lamps it drew all lovers of the beautiful in architecture. The connoisseurs in music also came, for the concert in the Hall was usually one of the best given during the season. This, too, was the one and only appearance of the University Glee Club, which, after a month's practice with Dr. (then Mr.) Torrington, furnished the *pieces de resistance* in each of the two parts into which the musical programme was divided. Col. Ponton's letter in the March number of our Monthly shows clearly enough how much good our students have accomplished as missionaries in the cause of University Extension. In the days when we were undergraduates together the reflex action of these glee club practices was the only æsthetic training in the musical department that the institution supplied. It was the limited accommodation of the Convocation Hall, not much larger than that of Wycliffe College, which made it necessary to divide the programme and thus half the guests were promenading while the other half listened to the concert. But perhaps the most striking difference between the now and the then was the existence at that time of a small body of University Volunteers, "K" Co. of the Queen's Own. This connected the institution with the local militia, and while it interested a very important class of the community in everything that concerned the college, this interest was specially apparent on the night of the *conversazione* when a number of the local officers added the gorgeousness of their uniforms to the kaleidoscopic procession through corridors and library and museum. The band of the regiment was stationed in the main entrance hall, the armoury of "K" Co. situated in the room which bears the arms of Professor (then Captain) VanderSmussen, was one of the choice exhibits, and the military decorations throughout the building gave evidence of the strong *esprit de corps* that existed among our student volunteers. Last in the list of these varied attractions, the *conversazione* was the only evening entertainment during the year when the building was all on view, and adapting the words of King Henry IV.:

"So our state,
Seldom but sumptuous showed like a feast,
And won by rareness such solemnity."
The college had not yet, "Carded its state,
Mingled its royalty,"
and "lost its princely privilege with vile participation." Let

my reader turn to that speech in 1 H. IV. III. ii. and find how much more of it might have been quoted with effect.

It was within my intent to tell somewhat of the intimate, the inner history of that *conversazione* of 1878, but this article has already transgressed its limit. Of the preparatory labor of the *Conversazione* Committee, consisting of the Executive of the Lit. Society, plus a number of additional members added for the occasion, of how some members were skilfully assigned to places where they could work physically at decorating, putting up cards of invitation and the like, how other more favored ones were given places on the Reception and Invitation Committee, and were able to see that their friends down town were duly remembered and looked after, of how the head man in modern languages was deputed to wait on Mons. Pernet and overcome his inevitably futile objections to favoring us just this once more with the Friar orders gray, of the preparatory labors of individual guests and of all the expectations and shadowy recollections connected therewith, of all these I say nothing. They must not be brought "into the light of common day."

But speaking for the graduates of that time and to the undergraduates of this generation, I would close with a passage that should find an echo in the heart of every student old and young, whether present or absent, at our next *conversazione*.

We in thought will join your throng,
Ye that pipe and ye that play,
Ye that through your hearts to-day
Feel the gladness of the May!
What thought the radiance which was once so bright
Be now forever taken from my sight,
In the primal sympathy,
Which having been must ever be;
We will give not, rather find
Strength in what remains behind.

DAVID R. KEYS, Class of '78.

THE BLUE PAPERS.

"THE blue papers are out," was all that was said, but it was enough. The milestones of the year are interesting landmarks. First, there is Thanksgiving. That comes so early that it is not worth while commencing work till it is past. So passes October. Then there is Christmas. Well, there are football games to be watched and receptions to be attended, and, after all, what one reads before Christmas is forgotten long before May, so it is really not worth while getting down to work until that post is past. The next milestone is Ash Wednesday. There is no decent excuse for not commencing work till the beginning of Lent. But the Undergraduate Union is warm and comfortable in the daytime, and there are a good many things on in the evenings, and, besides, everybody wants to clear off all his social engagements so that he can get down to business after Ash Wednesday. But Ash Wednesday probably sees the final games of hockey, and if the boys in the smoking-room do not decide who is to win, who can expect the players to decide it?

So the merry round proceeds till the blue papers appear. It is all off then. What well-intentioned friends have been jeered at for attempting what the most solemnly-vowed intentions of the previous spring have failed to effect, what heart-to-heart talks with members of the faculty have been unable to accomplish, this, the ominous blue paper, has brought to pass. Its psychological effects are worthy of close attention. To the Freshman it is a matter of curiosity. He takes one, and, in the quiet of his room, he reads it over twice. Then he surreptitiously takes another and sends it home, to show what formidable documents he has to handle. The sophomore takes one and carries it around in his outside pocket for some days, exchanging stories with his fellow-sophomores on what he thought when he first got a blue paper in his first year. The Junior, on the appearance of them, retires to his room, and is seen no more, except at lectures or an odd meal which he may steal enough time to take. The Senior takes it philosophically. He instantly thinks of the additional ten dollars degree fee, and this thought continues to occupy his mind to the exclusion of all other matters. The blue papers are again here. [ANYMAN.

THE UNIVERSITY SERMON.

THE Rev. James Barclay D.D., who preaches the next of the series of University Sermons, was born in Paisley, Scotland in 1844. He graduated from the University of Glasgow and was licensed to preach in 1870, and after several years in smaller charges, he was called to the important congregational of St. Cuthberts', Edinburgh. It is interesting to note that while Dr. Barclay was a resident of Edinburgh, he was frequently summoned to Balmoral to preach before Queen Victoria, during her annual visits to Scotland. In 1883, Dr. Barclay accepted a call to St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, where he has since remained. The reverend gentleman is an enthusiastic sportsman. He is not only an ardent curler, but also one of the best cricketers in Montreal. An eloquent preacher, a finished lecturer, a deep student and close reasoner, Dr. Barclay has for years filled a prominent place in Canadian theological circles, as is well-known, he refused last year the principalship of Queen's University in succession to the late Dr. Grant; and his name is now being mentioned in connection with the vacant principalship of the Theological College in Montreal.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the engineering Society was held on Wednesday, March 4, with the President in the chair and a good showing of members present. Mr. C. W. Dill, '91, Roadways Engineer on the staff of the City Engineer of Toronto, presented the paper of the day, which he called "Practical Notes on Street Pavements." Mr. Dill, in introducing his paper, expressed great satisfaction in knowing that the same professors and instructors, with a few exceptions, which had guided him and his class-mates over many a difficulty in their undergraduate days, were still rendering the same service to others who were following in their footsteps. The speaker dealt with the methods pursued in Toronto in constructing the various classes of pavements, asphalt, macadam and brick, and treated the subject in a very interesting and practical way.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB ELECTIONS.

The following officers have been elected for the Modern Language Club for the coming year: Hon. President M. St. Elme de Champ B. es L.; President, H. E. Collins; 1st Vice-President, D. A. Gilchrist; 2nd Vice-President, Miss D. M. Crampton; Corresponding-Secretary, M. J. McGarvin; Recording-Secretary, W. D. McDonald; Treasurer, A. C. Holmes; Assistant-Treasurer, Miss F. B. Ketcheson; 2nd Year Representative, Miss J. C. Laing; 1st Year Representative, to be elected in October.

A student one morning at seven
Woke, and yawningly muttered,
"Thank Heaven!

No lecture till ten,
What a comfort!" and then
Turned over, and slept till eleven.

POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

The final meeting of the Political Science Club was held on Thursday, March 5. Reports were read and a satisfactory condition of finances shown, there being a surplus. The Executive for 1903-4 was elected, the following members being chosen: Hon. President, Dr. S. M. Wickett; President, T. B. McQuesten; 1st Vice-President, J. J. McCarthy; 2nd Vice-President, H. Fraser; Secretary, H. Moore; Treasurer, A. M. Manson; 4th Year Councillor, J. S. Farly; 3rd Year Councillor, A. L. Bitzer; 2nd Year Councillor, H. D. Scully.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Dr. Fred. Tracy will be the speaker at Thursday's meeting. Dr. Smale has been detained on his European trip two weeks longer than he expected, and consequently will be unable to speak this week. The Association is fortunate in securing Dr. Tracy to take his place.

A very large turn out of members greeted Rev. Jones L. Gordon when he spoke last week. Mr. Gordon's bright and stirring address was much appreciated, and it is to be hoped that this, his first visit, will not be his last to the University Y.M.C.A.

Next week D. Bruce Macdonald, of St. Andrew's College, will address the Association.

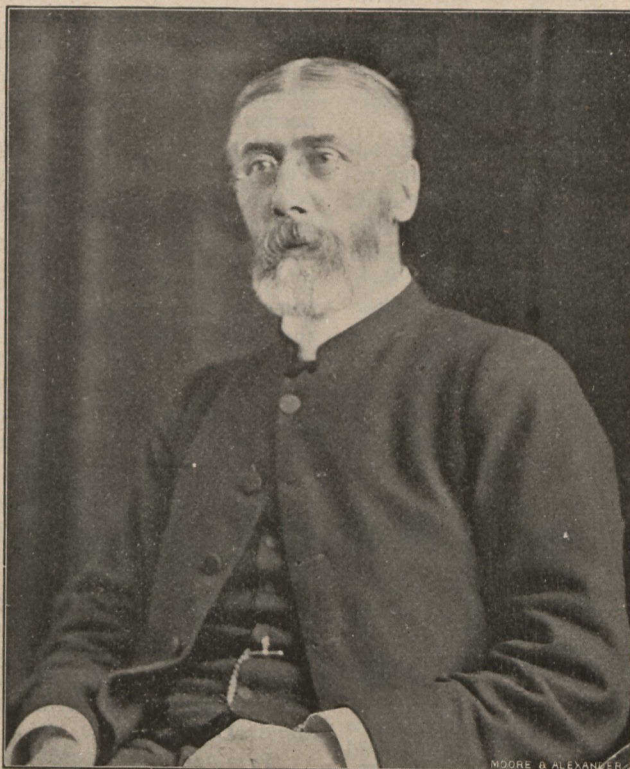
The students of all the faculties are reminded of the mass meeting in the interests of Missions, to be held under the auspices of the C.C.M. Board, in the Students' Union on Sunday, March 22, at 4.15 in the afternoon. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. Sircar, a Hindoo student from Calcutta, and Dr. E. C. Smith, a graduate of our own University, who has done medical work in India. Mr. J. A. Macdonald, of The Globe, will occupy the chair.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK.

The plans for a successful and enjoyable celebration of Commencement Week are advancing satisfactorily. A programme for three or four days festivities has been outlined and looks extremely well on paper. The committee is in communication with the Alumni Association, who promises to co-operate heartily in any scheme which may be brought forward. It is recognized that the first year will be the hardest, to carry out these arrangements, but the class of '03 has undertaken difficult things before with success. The women are already arranging for a class tea and the dinner of the men is assured. The time will be pretty well filled in. A suggestion has been made that the University, as a whole, should hold a conversazione and keep open house for a day or two during Commencement Week. The idea is worthy of the consideration of the Alumni Association.

Cornell University gives free tuition each year to six hundred holders of New York State scholarships.

Cornell is to have a hall of physics costing \$250,000 a gift of Mr. John D. Rockefeller. A hall of Art costing the same, is also to be built there.



The Rev. James Barclay, D.D.

THE UNIVERSITY YEAR

OUR MATERIAL PROSPERITY.

AT this time of the year, when the amount of work yet to be done bears an alarming ratio to the time yet remaining, the average student finds little encouragement in turning his thoughts from the "orrid grind" to a consideration of the yet ungarnered work of the last few months.

The University is more fortunate, and through the spectacles of our *Alma Mater* we look back with considerable satisfaction on the many evidences of prosperity with which we are everywhere confronted.

The registration lists are exceedingly satisfactory, especially in the younger faculties. With 813 in Arts, 425 in Medicine, and 335 in Applied Science, we have the leadership of Canadian universities in all three faculties.

To meet our growing needs new buildings have risen and are rising in all parts. The extension to the Dental College and Wycliffe Convocation Hall are already in use, Annsley Hall and the new Medical building will be in readiness by next fall, while the more imaginative may even be able to picture to themselves a completed Science building.

Nor has progress been limited to merely material development. In many of our departments the work of original research by both staff and students has been carried on most effectively to the credit not alone of the investigators, but also of the University. A curriculum in Household Science, which is expected to solve the question of higher education for women, has been established and three young women will go up for their first examination in May. In Modern Languages the course has been rearranged so as to enable a student to specialize on either the Teutonic or the Romance languages in the upper years. A curriculum in Forestry is also proposed, and it is expected that the Government will provide for the maintenance of a department having in charge a subject so important to Ontario and Canada as Forestry.

The Government, indeed, has shown a disposition to recognize the legitimate needs of the University and to make liberal provision for them henceforth.

The prospects for the future are bright. The University was never more hopeful nor ready to meet the growing needs of Canada. We have entered the strenuous life.

The callow Freshman may see great changes 'ere he acquires the easy grace and reverend dignity of the Senior. A splendid avenue of approach from College street to the Campus is mooted. The Convocation Hall scheme has been revived and those behind it are confident of a happy consummation in the near future. The interest in a University Residence has at last taken form and the preliminary steps have been taken for providing our University with this much-needed institution. A Physics building is a crying necessity and must soon be erected, while the growing unity of our University will shortly, no doubt, find expression in a central Administration building.

How many or how few of these dreams may be realized is uncertain. But whether our University is destined to the opulence she deserves or to continued penury in material things, she will at least have the individual loyalty and affection of the class which is about to leave her halls and which, during four halcyon years, has had every day some new reasons for loving Old Varsity.

D. B. G., '03.

ATHLETICS.

THE past year in athletics at Varsity has shown several surprises. The lacrosse team nobly did its duty, breaking even with the strong Crescent Club team of New York and winning the Inter-Collegiate Championship of America in a close game with Johns Hopkins University. The game at

Baltimore was witnessed by a crowd of five or six thousand people, the largest attendance ever seen on the grounds, and, to judge from the reports of the Baltimore newspapers, the excitement must have been intense. Undoubtedly, the trip of our team last spring did much to encourage the game in the States.

The Cricket Club had a successful season, and our track team showed up fairly well. It was expected that the track contests would be close, and we were counting on Varsity to win out by a narrow margin. McGill was a little too good, however, and again carried off the honors.

The Rugby season was not as successful as it should have been. Varsity started the season by winning from McGill at Montreal in a very close game. Percy Biggs' retirement from the game and from the captaincy temporarily disorganized the team, and this, added to a slight feeling of over-confidence, allowed McGill to walk through Varsity in the return game in Toronto. After this, until the end of the season, the play of the team steadily improved. Queen's won the game in Kingston by a narrow margin, though Varsity undoubtedly had the better of the play, and then Varsity easily won from Queen's in Toronto. The improvement in the team came a little too late in the season, and the Cup went to McGill for the first time since the formation of the Union.

Then, just to show that they could play football, Varsity fairly ran away from the Argonauts in two matches for the city championship under Burnside rules. Superior knowledge of the game possibly helped Varsity to some extent, but they showed their superiority to the O.R.F.U. men at almost every point of the game. An unsuccessful attempt was made to have the C.I.R.F.U. adopt the Burnside rules, later taken up by the O.R.F.U. It is practically certain, however, that they will be adopted next year.

The Intermediates won out easily from Trinity and McMaster, but succumbed to Queen's in the semi-finals. The Juniors made a brave struggle, but they were organized too late in the season, and they were beaten out by the Victorias.

The hockey team sprang some more surprises. After the tour through Ontario, where they were beaten by some secondary teams, the boys braced up and defeated Queen's at Toronto, following this up by doing the same to the redoubtable Wellingtons for the city championship, only to lose it again to the St. George's.

It is doubtful whether the management was well advised in arranging the Eastern trip. Instead of getting the men into condition, it left them stale and used up, and it seriously injured the reputation of the team. It was a tremendously hard series of games to play. No team could go through it with flying colors, and no team representing the University should be allowed to attempt it.

The Intermediate and Junior teams did well in their respective series, but were unable to win out.

The prospects for next year are bright, particularly in lacrosse, rugby and hockey. In lacrosse, most of last year's men will be available, as well as some of the veterans of the sport who are thinking of turning out. Earl Gibson will be missed from the rugby team, but in Beatty, Baldwin, George Biggs and Laing, Varsity has four backs not easily to be improved upon. It is unlikely that Percy Biggs will be playing next year, so the position of quarter is open. Paterson will be missed from the wing line, but there are rumors that Biddy McLennan is to play again, and with such men as Bonnell, Davidson, Panton, Overend and others of the second team to choose from, the seniors should have a strong, fast line.

Wright was a tower of strength on the hockey team, and he

will be a heavy loss, for it is unlikely that either he or Wood will be with Varsity next year. Still, there are several promising players on the intermediates, who should fill their places pretty well.

On the whole, the outlook in Varsity athletics is very promising, and with good management, and barring a return of the old over-confidence, Varsity should regain some of those championships which, of late have been so narrowly eluding her grasp.

G. W. B., '04. D Y
Ballard

UNIVERSITY SOCIAL LIFE.

Scene : Senior's room.

Time : Evening, March 5, 1903.

Personæ : Senior No. I. and Senior No. II., seated at a table studying.

S. No. I. (Flinging down her book.) I move we take a rest.

S. No. II. (Without looking up.) Now you know very well I am away behind, and simply must plug on.

S. No. I. Well, all right. These candies will keep me quiet.

S. No. II. Here. Give me some. What on earth did you get creams for? You know I hate them. (Eats in silence.)

S. No. I. (Yawning). Plugging certainly is no fun, but we can't complain that we have not had a good time this winter.

S. No. II. You may have. I didn't.

S. No. I. Grumble, now, do! What did you miss, pray?

S. No. II. I never was very fond of going out anyway. Let's see, first there was the Union dance—now don't you chime in!

S. No. I. The Union dance? Why, there were dozens of things before that! All the teas and receptions.

S. No. II. (With chin in air.) Receptions! You don't mean to say you went to those affairs in your Fourth Year?

S. No. I. You just bet I did, and had a good time, too. The Autumn tea for the girls was simply fine. Such a re-union. And all the professors' wives were so kind. Surely you were at our Class reception?

S. No. II. I went in for a little while.

S. No. I. So nice of you! Did you try to go downstairs? Robert was posted at the foot. You know they can't afford to light the lower halls. And the Gym. upstairs—but that is a secret!

S. No. II. You are worse than any Freshette! I think you might have told me the Gym. was to be open. (With an injured air.)

S. No. I. Who said the Gym. was open? Go on—the Union dance?

S. No. II. There was a great crowd. It was the first dance. I tried the first number, but stuck fast to the floor until someone came along and shoved me out of the mucilage. But the club-rooms were swell "sitting outs."

S. No. I. Yes—wasn't it kind of the men to entertain us "thusly"? Wasn't that the night everyone remarked how fresh and pretty all the girls looked?

S. No. II. I only remember I got my dress torn and my feet walked on. Why shouldn't the men invite us to their dance?

S. No. I. (Hugging herself.) Um! Um! but do you remember Rugby? Wasn't it simply divine!! The floor, and the music, and the cosy-corners—(lost in meditation)—and just a nice crowd. But all too short.

S. No. II. I remember I had a good feed. The man who took me to supper was cross-eyed and made me spill all my ice, so I went up twice more to make up for it.

S. No. I. Then after Xmas. The Engineers'. Oh, yes, it was just a counterpart of Rugby! I can't distinguish them in my mind, except there were rakes or threshing machines or something like that strewn around in odd corners. School men are all right!

S. No. II. The refreshments weren't up to much. Have you forgotten the Arts' dance?

S. No. I. Never!! It was *the* event of the season. I had simply a dream of a time. Everybody seemed in such a good humor, and nothing dragged. It was so essentially "Studentian." I am sure I danced with every man in our Year—no, I skipped one for the cutest Freshman—he was simply verdant, and so delightfully pleased with everything. A decided relief after a dance with a Sophomore who thinks it is about time he was getting blase. But don't let us think about it. It was all too short.

S. No. II. Yes, I will say I enjoyed myself. The supper-room was so artistic. Who catered there, anyway? The decorations were the best I have seen. Really, sometimes it is painful to see the colors—

S. No. I. Don't mind if I interrupt you, but I do hate art. Were you at the Osgoode dance?

S. No. II. You know very well I was not.

S. No. I. I am so sorry. It is a grand affair. Too swell to be comfortable. Fat dowagers and bald heads predominate, and the cosy-corners are about as cosy as—as a lawsuit. I was too subdued by the general atmosphere of propriety that I feared I would be hanged for contempt of court if I skipped a dance. Let me see—did we go to the Dental dance?

S. No. II. I've almost forgotten. No, I guess we couldn't have, or surely we would remember something about it. Seems to me it was held in the Temple building and we did not go.

Sr. No. I. That's all, isn't it? Now, how many did you miss? Ah, yes! then there was the Assault-at-Arms.

Sr. No. II. Yes. Now, that's what I call a nice time. You don't expect much and get disappointed. That was the first time I ever learned to sympathize with the men when small waterfalls of perspiration trickle down their faces. You know we wore heavy waists. Hot? Well, I guess.

S. No. I. Oh! we forgot the Woman's Lit. The Lit. reception was all right in it's way—for those who don't know the good old dance in the Gym., when 12 o'clock comes so very soon.

S. No. II. You are never satisfied. Now, I considered that reception just the thing, for the affair it is intended to be. Do you know, I was quite surprised; when I came to talk to them, some of the Professors were real nice. It quite frightened me to find that they seemed to know one of us students from the other.

S. No. I. Yes; isn't it strange? I found I could talk quite readily to them. Of course, one wouldn't think of contradicting them or anything like that, but still, not one of them asked me what year I was in. They seemed to know. Wish I had found them out in my First Year.

S. No. II. Well—they're all over now, and we'll have our last fling at Commencement. They talk about all sorts of dissipations—moonlight excursions, dances, garden parties, games, etc.—wonder who'll pay for them? However, we'll all come together once more and compare notes. Just think how different we all were at our first Class reception! The first time I met— (Long silence.) Cheer up! Every dog must have its day. We've had ours, and it can't be so very awful to be a graduate. Particularly of the Class of '03!! Soon to be ancient history! However, I'll have to be "buried" with some other year if I don't get this Latin up—so you shut-up. (Picks up book and starts to plug.)

Prolonged silence.

SOME TRANSLATIONS.

(1)

There was a young girl of Devizes
Who was given to little surprises,
When she first saw you near,
She would say, "Ha, my dear,
Why your eyes are of different sizes."

—Old Limerick.

ἦν κόρη τις Ἀλαβανθενή
ἣ ἐμορμολύττετο κενή·
ἐντυχοῦσα γὰρ τῷ
ἔφη φεῖδ' τί οἶδ' ;
τῷ ὀφθαλμῷ σοι ἔτερογενή.

(2)

[From "Bad Beasts for Bad Children."]

The dodo used to walk around
And take the sun and air,
The sun still warms his native ground,
The dodo is not there.
That voice which used to squawk and squeak
Is now for ever dumb ;
Yet may you see his bones and beak
All in the mu—se—um.

ἐφύετων ποθ' ἠφ' ἡλίῳ
ὀρνιθάρυγχοί ποῦ
καὶ ἡλιος μὲν περίεσθ'
ὀρνιθάρυγχοι δ' οὐ·
ἣ φώνη ἣ τρίζουσα δὴν
νῦν γρύζει οὐδὲ γρύν·
τὸ ρῆγχος διδὲ δ' οἶον ἦν
Μουσεῖον ὅς ἔδου.

(3)

[From the same.]

The tiger, on the other hand, is kittenish and mild,
And makes a pretty playfellow for any little child ;
And mothers of large families, who claim to common sense,
Will find a tiger well repays the trouble and expense.

ἡ τίγρις εἰρηναῖον αὐτῷ μείλιγμα φαίνεται
ἕκαστος παῖς τοννοῦτος ὧν αὐτῇ προσσάινεται
τῇ πολλῶν μητρὶ καίωον δὴ—τῇ σάφρονα λέγω—
οὐ χεῖρον τίγρις εὐτελής, πρόχειρος ἐν δόμῳ.

(4)

[From the same.]

The species man and marmoset are intimately linked,
The marmoset survives as yet, but man is quite extinct.

ἄνδρες καὶ χηναλώπεκες τὴν φύσιν συγγενεῖς
ἔτ' εἰσὶ χηναλώπεκες ἀλλ' ἀνδρῶν οὐδὲ εἷς.

(5)

[From the same.]

The big baboon is found upon
The plains of Cariboo :
He goes about with nothing on,
A shocking thing to do.
But if he'd dress respectably,
And let his whiskers grow,
How like the big baboon would be
To Mister—So-and-So.

ἰδοῦ πύθγκον τον μέγαν
ἐνοικεῖ Ἰαρρίβου·
οὐδ' εἴματ' ἔδου παράπαν,
ὁ σκέτλιον πάνου,
εἰ δ' ἐννόουτ' εὐσχημόνως
πώγωνι σὺν ἄλλῳ,
ἄμοιως ἂν γένοιτ' ἴσως
τῷ δέξει τῷ καὶ τῷ.

M. H.

A FINANCIAL VENTURE.

YOUR reporter has recently been hearing rumors of a new commercial project likely to be put before the public in the near future; and in consequence he has secured interviews with several of the chief promoters. At present their names must be withheld and only the outlines of the plan can be published. It is promised that the prospectus of a new company will be issued at an early date, and issues of stock will follow. The promoters assured me that the company was designed to fill a long felt want in the insurance business. At present there is life insurance, accident insurance, fire insurance, insurance against sickness, etc. for the general public. But as yet no insurance company has attempted to meet the needs of the educated public i.e. the student class. This line of insurance has been entirely overlooked. Annually in the spring of the year severe casualties occur among the students, affecting a certain percentage of them. These prospective casualties throughout the year are kept before the mind of the student. They interfere with his pleasure and his comfort. They cause him to stay up till half-past nine at night, or rise for an 8.70 o'clock lecture in the morning. And all because there is no method of acquiring a reasonable assurance against these May calamities. The design of the company now organizing is to enter this new field for insurance. Actuaries are at present calculating the probabilities of failure for the average student, and working out a system of rates which, while offering valuable inducements to the student to insure, may yet afford the company a reasonable profit on the amount invested. A special rate for stars is promised, also the directors hope to be able to gratify the ambition of fond parents who desire to have their clever children win scholarships. Insurance against failures to take a scholarship will be offered by the company, of course, at a somewhat higher premium than insurance against failure to make the year. It will be the company's policy to add as many examiners as possible to the board of directors that their presence may be an additional guarantee of success.

Examinations risks are expected to constitute the chief field of the company's operation, but actuaries are also considering the advisability of conducting such side-lines as insurance against football accidents, insurance against having to take a girl to the rugby, insurance against walking five miles after a class reception, insurance against losing the Mulock, Jennings, or other cups, or debating shields, etc. The directors promise a full announcement of details later. Further, the company intends to give opportunities to any rising mathematicians who desire to enter the insurance business. With that design a class of Varsity students will be formed in the holidays. Board and lodging is guaranteed to all students entering, also one suit of clothes, one pair of boots, one necktie (red), two collars, one pair of cuffs, one pair of socks. Applications for positions may be made to the Alumni Association. This is all your reporter has been able to learn at present in regard to the intentions of the company. The financial backing is said to be of the strongest. On the whole, the project promises to be the most remarkably financial enterprise recently undertaken in connection with the University of Toronto. The public will eagerly await further information. Watch for the prospectus.

SCRIBE.

PRESIDENT LOUDON.

JUST at the present time the University of Toronto and her executive head are coming in for a large share of unjust criticism. Much of this comes from men who know little or nothing of the internal workings of the University, or from men whose sympathies and interests lie with other universities. Such men are not competent to criticize, and their harsh statements have aroused the indignation of the undergraduates, who are justly proud of their University and its President.

President Loudon was born in Toronto in 1841. He received his early education in the public schools of the city, at the Toronto Grammar School, and at Upper Canada College. He matriculated at the age of 16, and graduated from the University of Toronto in 1862, with the gold medal in Mathematics. He was immediately made a tutor in University College and taught Classics for some time, and then became assistant to Professor Cherriman in Mathematics. In 1875 he became Professor of Mathematics, and when the chair of Mathematics and Physics was divided he took the chair of Physics. For ten years, from 1865-75, he was Dean of Residence. He was made President in 1892.

As an authority on Physics he stands very high among scientific men, and his discoveries in geometrical optics are of great value. He received the honorary degree of LL.D. from his *Alma Mater* in 1894 and from Princeton University in 1896. He is a Past President of the Canadian Institute, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, a member of the Educational Council of Ontario, and a Vice-President of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.

His career has been marked by brilliant scholarly attainments and wide academic usefulness. His executive ability is shown in the manner in which he controls the University with all its federated and affiliated colleges. That the University has made marked progress in the attendance, in its buildings and equipment in recent years no one will deny, and much of the credit of this is due to the hard-working and painstaking executive head.

The undergraduates find in him a true friend. He actively supports all undertakings that tend to promote their welfare and best interests. We have but to cite his interest in the Undergraduate Union and the Residence question as examples. But those who have gone to him for advice or aid know best his sympathetic nature and his wise counsels.

The recent developments in "University Spirit" about the Colleges is largely due to his influence. His dignity, his wide and sympathetic knowledge of student life and interests, his innate tact and his quiet, unassuming manner have the effect of building up a strong, sympathetic and harmonious student feeling.

J. C. Ross.

BIRD VOICES.

THERE is something pregnant about these March evenings. The long, clear twilights are suffused with a promise that is more fully expressed by the expanding buds on the lilac bushes, but will not be perfectly manifest until, some evening, from the stark branches of the trees outlined against a luminous western sky, we hear the first robin-song. Afterwards, there may be reason to believe this lusty herald somewhat premature, as he perches, very dejected and silent, enduring a final wintry gust, but, not many days later, the bluebird, in soft warblings, will confirm the intelligence. Then, day by day, the spring chorus will be augmented until its full volume is attained.

In this medley of bird-songs it is easy to distinguish and associate many individual voices, and, with a little experience, each singer may be identified by its song; not identified only, but its feelings interpreted. It will soon become evident that the bird language is quite a flexible and expressive one. Listening to a pair of robins berating a predatory grimaldin that has invaded their chosen territory, one is dull of comprehension

who fails to note the tone of resentment. Nor is a robin's repertoire limited to scolding. After a refreshing spring shower, when the rain drips from the leaves and the sun breaks out again, he carols in the most cheerful of moods, and during hot July days, from the depths of his favorite cherry tree, there comes the contented "Pip! pip!" of a well-fed epicure. One hears alarm and surprise mingled ludicrously when his unsuspected presence is suddenly revealed to a kingfisher busily engaged at his professed occupation. With a shriek of dismay, he darts away at full speed. Sober-minded people will ascribe amorous emotions to that feathered undertaker, the grackle, as he squeaks and gurgles rapturously before his prospective consort.

While ascribing to the birds powers of expression, one is also apt to notice a marked harmony between their songs and habitats. Birds that frequent fields and open woods—sunny places—are, for the greater part, good songsters. Who does not associate the sparkling medley of the bobolink with green meadows and blue skies, or the full, rich whistle of the rose-breasted grosbeak with sunlit maple woods? There is something akin between the prolonged, keen notes of the meadow lark and his gleaming breast with its black crescent. On the inhabitants of the deep forest some of its gloom seems to have settled, for their garb is of neutral colors and their voices unmusical and not often heard. As regards color, the bluejay is a marked exception. His voice, rancous by inheritance, has not been softened by a sojourn in the woods. Neither do the woodpeckers rank high as vocalists, although their accomplishments include a not unmusical instrumental performance at certain seasons. But at nights, when the swamps lie dark and silent, the muffled hooting of the great horned owl seems the very expression of nocturnal gloom. The marsh birds are quite as undeserving a place among feathered singers; the reeds and wet vegetation and an association with reptilian company has not been a soulful stimulus. The heron has had his feet in slimy pools too long and is afflicted with an asthmatic croak.

This relation between habitat and voice is not due to the environment nearly so much as to other factors, notably, the nature of the foods. Generally, forest and marsh-haunting species are flesh or insect-eating, while birds preferring a more open situation live upon seeds and other vegetable matter, though many are insectivorous. In the smaller divisions into which they are classified, birds subsist upon similar diet, and their songs are of approximately similar musical values. The hawks are all flesh-eaters, and their best vocal efforts result in harsh screams. The finches are vegetarians, many being excellent singers. The herons live upon fish and frogs, and successfully outcroak the latter, while the thrushes, living upon insect and vegetable fare, possess wonderful flute-like voices. The grackle is not a good singer, but his cousin, the Baltimore oriole, has adopted a more innocent bill of fare, and is a brilliant vocalist, probably in consequence.

Climate, and several other factors modify the musical performances of the birds, important among which is man. It is probably fortunate for us that a vegetable or insectivorous diet is so favorable to song birds. Only a very inexperienced ornithologist longs for unbroken forest in which to pursue his observations; in reality it is very disappointing territory. When civilization has penetrated it and dispelled its gloom, replacing the trees with a myriad of seed-bearing plants, then the silence will be broken by an influx of the smaller birds, that benefit by community with mankind. They are provided with suitable fare through his industry, and he looks with hostility upon their enemies. In return they perform a multitude of services of an importance to us that would be most appreciated should they be suspended for a time. One who has heard the serene, even-hymn of the hermit thrush and felt its exaltations will not likely forgo any opportunity of continuing a listener to the bird choir.

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WITH this issue the duties of the present editorial board cease. It is with sincere regret that the editor vacates the arm-chair and lays aside his pen. The work of editing THE VARSITY has been a pleasant one. It has been made so by the kindness and willingness of the associate-editors, by the general forbearance of the readers, by the courtesy with which members of the faculty, graduates and undergraduates, have responded to any appeal for articles or advice, and in no small measure, lastly, to the leniency with which the printers have treated the many shortcomings which inexperience has caused.

The college paper this year has entered upon a larger field than it had heretofore attempted. The change from a college to a university paper has brought with it new conditions to be met, and new aims to be pursued. Many of these difficulties are yet to be solved. But the prime motive in establishing a university, as distinct from a college journal, was to draw the three faculties of the University closer together, to give them an interest in common questions, to cause them to feel the strength of kinship and common interest; in a word, to give university spirit precedence over college spirit. The justification of the existence of THE VARSITY in this larger sphere must depend upon its success in bringing about this condition.

A retrospect of the position of the University of Toronto for the past year shows a gratifying progress. Her graduates are holding an ever-increasing number of responsible positions throughout the country. The university graduate has become a recognized force in commerce, journalism and professional life. There is not a large university on the continent which has not University of Toronto men on its faculty. From the Yukon in the north, to the far south, our men are engaged in educational work. From Sydney in the east, to the Pacific Coast in the west, our graduates in Practical Science are applying the knowledge which they acquired here. Japan and India are the spheres of work of University of Toronto men who have devoted themselves to the ministry. The graduates in Medicine exert their influence in no less wide a sphere.

When we consider these facts, the greatness of the University which has produced so many men of worth must be recognized. Have the graduates or undergraduates heretofore recognized this greatness or done anything to sustain or direct it? What is needed from the graduates is a kindlier love for their *Alma Mater* and a deeper sense of the dignity of this great University. No discouragement should be felt because the University of Toronto has not been extensively endowed by wealthy friends. A strong, sturdy growth, wherein the Alumni take the personal interest which arises from individual self-sacrifice, is in many respects more desirable. It will not be subject to the personal foibles and eccentricities of benefactors which have so seriously interfered with effective work on the part of some of the wealthiest of American universities. The prospect is that any benefaction, which will be made for some time, will be for some special object such as towards a Library or Residence fund, or something of that nature. The regular revenue of the University is likely to come, as heretofore, from the Government. For this reason it is imperative that the graduates should show their interest in their *Alma Mater* by constantly impressing on the public the justice of the University's claims, and, by this means, strengthen the hands of the Government in the laudable inclination it has recently shown to deal liberally with the Provincial University.

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It is expected that a large number of students from all the faculties will turn out to support the *conversazione* this year. Elaborate preparations are being made at the expense of great time and trouble by the Faculty and undergraduates to bring this function back to its old-time popularity. The article by Mr. Keys in this number would make us wonder why any change was ever made from that excellent form of entertainment which the writer has so vividly described. While we cannot hope to give such an exhibition as was provided for the guests on that historic St. Valentine's night of 1890, yet the University should in no way lack in interest, with her many departments from which to draw.

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We regret that space will not permit us to print some excellent articles which have been contributed during the past week. The contributions, had they come a little earlier in the term, would have relieved the editor of considerable worry as to how the next paper was going to come out. On behalf of our successors, we would urge those who may be afflicted with the *cacoethes scribendi* to assist the editor sufficiently early in the term to allow him to arrange for its publication.

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It is unfortunate that the *conversat.* and the elections of the Lit., the Women's Lit., and the Engineering Society come on so late that THE VARSITY cannot report them in its last issue. The possibility of running the College paper throughout the year, or, at least, through the entire college year, will have to be considered soon. All the American college papers do the latter, but our examination system introduces a feature with which they have not to contend.

THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS M. L. McGARRY, Superintending Editor.



DID you ever before feel so much like catching at the coat-tails of Time as he flees past you, and holding him back until you should choose to let him go? And did you ever before as fully realize how elusive he is as you do now, when you find yourself standing with his empty coat in your hands, and suddenly become aware that he had slipped out of it, even as you grasped, and had continued his flight, while you, in your stupidity, were congratulating yourself on having captured him? Unless you are of the First Year, you have probably felt it at least once before, and have made up your mind that "next time" you will start with him and keep pace with him, step by step, instead of trying to catch at his coat-tails; and unless you are one of the few, you will continue to make that resolution, and will continue to find out the vanity of it, until you have reached the unhappy stage of Seniorship, when you will come to the conclusion that if you want to run races with Time, you must make up your mind never to lose a step by stopping to amuse yourself on the way.

Now, indeed, do we echo, "O Temps, suspends ton vol," and now do we fully realize the value of an afternoon. What would most of us not give to have two extra months at our disposal before our college year should end? And what could we not accomplish, with all the zeal and all the enthusiasm for work which seems now to have taken possession of us! But with this the last number of *THE VARSITY*, with the last meeting of the Women's Literary Society, with last meetings of various other college societies, we feel that we have drained our glass nearly to the dregs, and we are afraid, some of us, that the dregs may be bitter. If time and space permitted, some melancholy Senior, anxious to give others the benefit of her experience, might write a morality play for "College Girl" and call it "Every Girl." Every Girl should enter merrily, accompanied by Class Reception, and should suddenly be accosted by a grim shape called May Exam. Then should Every Girl learn of the dread journey before her, and then should she find herself deserted by Class Reception, Arts Dance, Conversation, Cloak Room Gossip, Sleep, Interesting Books not Prescribed, and numerous others whose friendship availeth not. Common Sense should appear, however, and, acting upon her advice, Every Girl should have recourse to Diligence, Perseverance, Scrupulous Attendance at Lectures and Alarm Clocks, all of whom should accompany her, when May Exam. should blow his summoning blast, and should bear witness that her account was balanced.

But the time even for preaching is past, and the last word of wisdom which the College Girl may utter this year is to advise everybody to be on time on Saturday evening next at the meeting of the Women's Literary Society, held for the purpose of electing officers for next year. Voting will commence at 7.30 p.m. sharp. Only regular students proceeding to a degree, and only such of those as have paid the regular fee, are entitled to vote or to run for office. The meeting held on Friday last resulted in the following nominations:

Hon. President Women's Literary Society, Miss Nellie Spence; president, Miss Thompson, Miss McClive, Miss Latter (withdrawn); vice-president, Misses Crampton, Gibson,

Morrish, Tate; Fourth Year representative, Misses Menton, Brown, Cooke, Hindson, Rankin; recording secretary, Misses Strong, Magee, Carruthers, Elliot; treasurer, Misses M. E. Scott, Logan, Cowan, Armstrong; Third Year representative, Misses Newman, Strong, Elliott, Dickson; corresponding secretary, Misses Squair, McTavish, Buchanan ('06), Duncan; Second Year representative, Misses Cadow, O'Brien, Brecken, McKay, Gurofsky, McKinnon, Ballard; *THE VARSITY* Editorial Board, Fourth Year representative, Miss Neillson (elected by acclamation); Third Year representative, Misses Ketcheson, Love.

Grace Hall Memorial Library—President, Misses Anderson, Kerr, Ross; secretary-treasurer, Misses McGill, Straight; Third Year representative, Misses Dickson, McKenna.

Women's Residence Association—Assistant treasurer, Misses Anderson, Tuckett; Fourth Year representative, Miss Neff (acclamation); Third Year representative, Misses Thompson, Lent, Carpenter.

After the nominations, Miss K. Duncan spoke with regard to the dime treasury scheme, urging the women undergraduates to interest themselves in it. If the scheme is enthusiastically carried out, it means a great increase in the treasury of the Women's Residence fund by next October.

Mrs. Fraser entertained the Fourth Year Italian and Spanish class at luncheon on Friday last.

THE LIT.

ON Friday night the sages of the Lit. met in solemn conclave to hold their annual Saturnalia at the expense of the constitution. The regular business was speedily completed. Messrs. J. G. Lorrinan and J. A. Younie were appointed auditors. Mr. W. A. McTaggart introduced the report of the Life Membership Committee. He referred to the fact that only ten men from '02 were entitled to life membership. The report was referred back for further consideration, as it was thought some members had been overlooked who had paid their first year fees last year.

The consideration of the constitution then followed. Mr. Gillies moved the adoption of a new article, providing for the appointment of a Nominating Board for *THE VARSITY*. The board will consist of seven members, of which the holders of the chief offices will be ex-officio members. The others will be elected by the Lit. Several clauses, which became useless when the Reading-room passed from the Lit.'s control, were struck out on motion of Messrs. Megan and O'Leary. Mr. McGuire moved for the rejection of the clause whereby all surplus over one hundred dollars at the end of the year be put in a special fund for the furtherance of some permanent work. The motion aroused an energetic discussion. Messrs. Day, Eedy and Vanston supported the motion, and Messrs. Gillies, Baird, Vance and Megan opposed it. An amendment by Messrs. Gillies and Vance, striking out two of the three sections was carried.

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. McGuire got interested in a copy of the constitution, and ran across a section which read that a two-thirds vote was required to alter that venerable document. A lively debate followed, in which Mr. Gillies earnestly tried to convince the meeting that what was unconstitutional would be constitutional if the members would only think so. The chair ruled that a new vote should be taken on Mr. Gillies' amendment and Mr. McGuire's motion. The amendment was carried by the requisite majority, and the meeting was ready to resume where it had left off some time before.

After a number of questions relative to the constitution had been considered, the nomination and election of members for the Nominating Board for *THE VARSITY* took place. Messrs. Baird, Hunter, Odell, McKinnon and Day were elected, with Messrs. Gillies and Megan as ex-officio members. This concluded the business of the meeting.

LESSONS FROM THE POETS.

THE black waters heaved and sank, and the boat rocked horribly. Charon was ferrying a soul across the Styx. Having put his mind to rest as to the genuineness of the passage-money by testing between his teeth the obolus which he had received, his wrinkled old countenance resolved itself into a hideous smile as he prepared to exercise his interlocutory faculties.

"Well, what was your graft?" he began, in an attempt to encourage conversation.

The passenger raised his eyes with a sweetly, sad smile as he answered, "I, in my former life, was a poet."

All the interest seemed suddenly to vanish from the face of the ferryman as he muttered, half to himself, "Ha! Another of that tribe! Well! You'll get your deserts, speedily and forthwith, my good fellow."

The remainder of the passage was finished in silence.

As the shore was neared, a motley company could be discerned, awaiting the landing of the passenger. They seemed to be violently angry about something; and Charon chuckled gleefully as their cries and shrieks began to reach the craft.

"Imposter! Wretch! Pretender! Humbug!" These words could be distinguished amid the confused jumble of sounds that smote upon the ear. A wireless message concerning the role of the passenger seemed to have reached the strand, for such phrases as the following were hurled forth: "He claims to be a poet; ha! ha! ha! Ass in lion's skin! Wolf in sheep's clothing! Cagliostro! Charlatan!"

Just then the boat struck shore with the time-honored harsh grating sound. The passenger stepped out in fear and trembling, and hastened to say, "I am sorry, gentlemen, if I have unconsciously offended you in any —"

"You a poet!" they broke in; "Proof! Proof!"

"Well, gentlemen," began the new arrival timidly, "I was merely professional versifier for The Edible Mush Co., of Battle Creek, Michigan, and my most successful production went as follows:

'In Spotless Town did Sunny Jim
Eat Tillson's Oats with Force and Vim,
And that is why there clung to him
The smile that won't come off.'

Of course I know, gentlemen, that the last line doesn't rhyme with anything, but poetic license permits the —"

"Utter rot!" angrily exclaimed Browning, who had got to the front of the throng by this time. "Utter rot, I say! You should have expressed it thuswise:

'Gr-r-r — you swine! Now have some Breakfast
Food. What's Greek for "grub," I pray?
Ha! Your soul's despite you'll reck fast
(What that means I cannot say).'

A mocking laugh greeted this outburst, and Omar Khayyan pushed forward to exclaim, "Gently, brother, gently! Let me remould thy Sorry Scheme nearer to the Heart's Desire:

'Myself, when young, oftimes my Thirst did slack
In Wine. But now for Mrs. Omar's sake,
To turn an Empty Glass down I'll consent,
No Grape but Grape-Nuts I'll partake.'

The crowd seemed to be growing more angry every moment, and several persons tried to speak at once. Scott presently managed to make himself heard in the following:

"The chieftain proudly marked his men,
Their bearing bold, their martial mien,
'Twas plain to see that every man,
Well fed on Scotland's oats had been."

Herrick immediately shouted out his version:

"Sweet Julia, thou dost wound my heart,
To say I must for ever part
From sack, and bid to malt farewell.
Will Malta-Vita heart-pains quell?"

Poe then shrieked as follows:

"A wind came out of a cloud by night
Chilling and killing my Annabel Lee,
My beautiful Annabel Lee,
Horridly chilling and horridly killing,
Killing and chilling,
Chilling and killing,
My beautiful Annabel Lee.

For they fed her on cake, and that wasn't right,
And of Shredded Wheat Biscuit she got ne'er a bite;
And tha's why the wind,
The heartless old wind,
Did not do a thing to she,
To my beautiful Annabel Lee."

Whitman thereupon roared out his contribution:

"Allons! Camerados!
My largeness, calmness, majesty is ever in mind.
I am the whole establishment, including the
inky-fingered office-boy; in fact, I am
even the office-cat, and also the rodents
she feeds on.

Kindly pass the breakfast food.

Now, just watch me get busy with some words.
O world, O vastness, O riches, poverty, wet-days,
castile soap, falsetto voice, false set o'teeth,
Old clothes, rags, bottles and bones,
O death, O time, O gosh!

With infinite care I write down any old thing at all.

But the unfortunate soul against whom all this was directed, had not waited to hear the end. He had cast himself into the Stygian deep in an effort to die a second death.

E. H.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of VARSITY:

Dear Sir,—Knowing that the columns of VARSITY are open for the discussion of all questions of interest to undergraduates, I take this opportunity of drawing attention to the most inconvenient time at which the examination for the Bankers' Scholarship is held.

At present, it takes place in September, when the supplementals are written upon, consequently limiting the candidates to students from the city or near vicinity, so that only three or four write for a scholarship worth \$75. No man, except gifted with the greatest amount of self-confidence imaginable, will come from the far end of the Province, or perhaps of the Dominion, three weeks before the opening of Varsity, purposely to be a candidate, at the risk of gaining nothing and incurring an expense of \$10 or \$15. Therefore, it follows that the best man does not necessarily win the scholarship.

I submit, then, in view of these facts, that the time of examination is most inopportune, and I hope, in all fairness to the present and future First Years, that the matter may be remedied.

AN UNDERGRAD.

SPORTS

J. G. LORRIMAN, Superintending Editor.

LACROSSE.

The disappearance of the snow from the campus is the signal for the blood to begin tingling in many a lacrosse man's veins, and there are about sixty men in the University who are most anxiously awaiting the first warm spell. If the weather keeps on moderating, it is safe to say that two weeks hence the lacrosse squad will be taking daily exercise on the campus.

Manager Livingston has been busy for some time making final arrangements for the usual spring tour, and there is no doubt but that the blue and white will be able to display their prowess on many more fields than last year. The tour will be essentially as outlined in a previous issue of THE VARSITY, though two or three new engagements will probably be added before the start is made.

This year's line-up is, of course, a pure conjecture as yet; but it is certain to be stronger than last season's twelve. Up to the time of writing, about fifty men have signified their intention of turning out for the team, and, in addition, there are a good many Freshmen who have played on good teams, but are yet unknown to the manager. It is earnestly requested that all such should immediately begin work at the gym., so as to be in shape for the early practices, where Manager Livingston will be glad to welcome them.

The lacrosse club takes annually the most extended and most enjoyable tour participated in by any U. of T. club, and the trip always includes several days in New York city, where the team are the guests of the Crescent Athletic Club. They play two games with the Crescents, whose team is the strongest in the United States, and take in all the sights, including Coney Island and the operas that will be in Toronto the following winter.

The lacrosse twelve are just about our proudest possession in the athletic line, as they are the only Toronto team to hold a world's championship. It will thus be readily understood why the lacrosse men are so enthusiastic in their attendance at practices, even in the midst of exams., for it is certainly a great honor to wear the colors of the U. of T. Lacrosse team.

This year's tour will again include a visit to Baltimore, where Toronto will defend the World's Inter-College Championship against Johns Hopkins. It is also probable that a match will be arranged with the Oxford-Cambridge team, which will visit America this year.

All players who have not yet sent in their names should report immediately to Manager Livingston, who will be most happy to give them any necessary instructions and information. A partial list of players available follows:

Arts—McIntyre, McKinnon, O'Flynn, Gladney, McNeil, Discow, McEvoy, Phelan, Hanley, Heyd, Ballard, Cooper, Greig, Graham, Kearns, Spier, Sanders, Clark, Urquhart, Fraser, Dowling, Caine, Armstrong, Colquhoun, Lorriman.

Medicine—Groves, Kyle, Cairns, Hague, McIntyre, Collinson, Buck, Alden, Galvey, Twain, Hendry.

Dentistry—Kerswell, Wood, Peaker, Hassard, Copeland, Manning, Dorenzie.

Pharmacy—McKay, Monkman, Challice, Greenway, Hunter.

Applied Science—Bryce, Jackson, Pardoe.

Trinity Med.—McKay.

BASEBALL.

The baseball season is now very close at hand, and interest in the game at Toronto will be keener than ever this year, as we will, no doubt, put an exceptionally strong team on the diamond.

The annual tour will be the most attractive in years, and should be sufficient to draw out all the baseball talent in the University. All arrangements have not yet been completed, but the dates already settled prove that Manager Don. Sutherland is sparing no pains to make the season of 1903 one long to be remembered in the baseball annals of Toronto.

The usual Saturday afternoon games have been arranged for, including one with the Toronto Eastern League team. On May 16, Niagara University play here, and the game should draw a record crowd. The Niagara boys have for years been defeating all the crack amateur teams of Western New York, and they have victories to their credit over the Rochester and Hamilton professional nines. The last time Toronto met them, the Americans won by a single tally, but the blue and white expect to turn the tables this year. The return game with Niagara, at Niagara Falls, N.Y., will be played June 6, the boys returning to the city to start their tour on Monday, June 8. The intention is to play through Western Ontario that week, then cross the lake at Port Stanley to Cleveland, where a game will be played Monday. On Tuesday the team will visit Columbus, on Wednesday, Delaware, and will close the week in Detroit. The next week they return to Ontario, and will play at Chatham, Strathroy, Ingersoll, St. Thomas and Palmerston before breaking up in Toronto.

The line-up cannot, of course, be positively announced as yet, but it should be strong. All men who have played the game should turn out to the practices, which will be held daily on the Athletic Field as soon as the frost leaves the ground. The pitching department is the weak spot at present, as Organ and Geo. Biggs, the only ones now available, will be worked too hard if no other men make good to assist them. It is specially requested that all students in every year and faculty who have ever pitched should immediately begin work at the gym. in order to be in shape for the early practices.

The players now available are:

Catchers—Parry and Brown.

Pitchers—Organ will have to bear the brunt, supported by Geo. Biggs.

1st Base—Ralph Williams (captain.)

2nd Base—Weldon.

3rd Base—Dan. Kappelle.

Short Stop—Geo. Biggs and Rankin.

Outfield—Delury, Ross, Baldwin, Coulson, Gilbert, Robiere and Buck.

It is expected that the team will have a month's coaching from some professional, but, in any case, under Capt. Williams they will no doubt round into shape, and put up a better game of baseball than has hitherto been seen at U. of T.

NOTES OF COLLEGE SPORT.

McKay, of Trinity Medical College will be a great source of strength to the lacrosse team this year, as he is said to be a particularly fast player.

The members of the Faculty and Board of Trustees at Lehigh have raised \$425, to assist in paying the salary of the football coach of next season.

If the Wellingtons had gone after the Stanley Cup they would have taken "Doc" Wright to play cover, and Jack Lash to guard the net. And they would have made no mistake in either case.

Charley Coulson '03 S.P.S. should more than make good for the U. of T. outfield. For years he has been the star out-

fielder and one of the best batters of the Niagara District League and he would considerably strengthen the blue and white nine.

We have still heard nothing about the whereabouts of the Beattie-Nesbitt Cup. Whether the Union or Football Club authorities should move in the matter, is not understood, but it is up to somebody.

We regret that we are unable, through lack of space, to publish a letter from a Med. on sports. The writer properly protests against the practice of the baseball management taking an insufficient number of men with them and being compelled to recruit in the towns they visit.

There are a good many undergraduates who would like to see a basket ball team organized at Toronto. The game is very popular at McGill, and is played in nearly all the American colleges. It is to be hoped that next year's Athletic Association will make some move in the matter.

Sixteen crews are to take part in the Poughkeepsie regatta next June. The board of stewards of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association has been assured that besides the crews entered last year, Georgetown will enter a Freshman crew and Syracuse a Varsity four. This will make the regatta the largest ever held over the course.

The University of Iowa baseball and track teams will be unable to take part in Iowa athletics the coming spring unless the \$5,000 deficit is made good before the season opens. The University Athletic Union has lost steadily on spring ventures and Professor A. G. Smith, of the board of control says that the students must lift the debt or have no teams.

The Junior Fencing Tournament, which had attracted a large entry, was concluded Saturday afternoon. Of the four men left in the Senior finals—G. Addison, F. A. Moor, T. B. McQuesten and J. A. Beatty.—Addison and McQuesten won their way into the finals, and the latter was the ultimate winner of the handsome medal donated by Mr. Gibson, the Honorary President of the Fencing Club. Fencing should be especially attractive to the students, for the quickness of the eye, the hand and foot which it teaches, and the self-control which it cultivates.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Many men saw "Everyman."

The nominations for next year's Literary Society Executive take place on Friday night.

An absent-minded '04 man in the Dining Hall the other day ordered Poly Rolly.

"Foiled again!" hissed the sweet chocolate, as they wrapped it in silvery paper.—Cornell Widow.

Professor and Mrs. Squair entertain the Fourth Year Moderns Class at dinner Wednesday evening, March 11.

Professor Mavor lectured before the Ministerial Association on Monday morning on the subject "Social Problems."

A meeting of the First Year was called for Tuesday afternoon at five o'clock to discuss the Convocation Hall scheme.

Mr. F. A. McDiarmid, '02, who has held a civil service position in Ottawa since graduating, leaves shortly for British Columbia.

The class of '05 are energetically pushing the subscription lists for the Convocation Hall fund. Already \$450 has been subscribed.

Mr. W. H. Ingram, '02, writes from Hastings, Eng., that he intends to come back to Canada about September 1, and go into business.

A meeting of members of the Union was held on Monday afternoon to discuss matters arising out of the house rules for the games-rooms.

Mr. W. A. Craick, '02, has lately been appointed by the Manufacturers' Association to do editorial work on its organ, Industrial Canada.

The annual meeting of the Union for the election of officers and the transaction of other business is to be held on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. in the Students' Union.

On Saturday night Professor Walker read a paper before the Canadian Institute, this city, on "The Life and Training of the Indian Elephant." Lantern illustrations were given.

He doeth well that looketh well
To men and bird and beast;
He doeth well, when he doth sell,
That gives of credit least.

The Lit. has about one hundred paid-up members. The treasury received \$125 for THE VARSITY and \$67.30 from the Arts' Dance, and, in consequence of these extra items of income, there is a surplus for the year of about \$130.

Curling is no longer the topic of interest at the '04 table in the Dining Hall. Messrs. O'Leary and Workman are silent. However, from inside information it is learned that the Lindsay Old Boys are to have a Dinner in the near future.

'Tis said that the old Earl of Warwick
(A personage very histarwick)
Dismissed his physician,
A man of posician,
For making him drink paregarwick.

—Punch Bowl.

Willie, who loved an unloving lass,
Closed the window and blew out the gas.
Mother gazed on the little elf,
And said, "'Tis the last time he'll blow himself."

The '06 Oratory Contest was held in West Hall on Monday afternoon. The men who took part were Messrs. S. Wallace, C. Lazenby, J. Grey, Buchanan and Gibson. The judges were Professor Alexander, Professor Hume, and Mr. E. H. Oliver, B.A., and the man who won the decision was Mr. Grey, whose subject was "Napoleon."

About \$350 has been subscribed already by the men of the Fourth Year for the Convocation Hall Fund, and a large part of the class still remains uncanvassed. The Third and Second Years are doing about the same. The First Year canvass will commence at once, and the entire canvass in Arts should be complete by the end of the week.

The last meeting of the '05 Debating Society was held last Monday afternoon, March 2, in the Y.M.C.A. parlors. Professor De Lury, the Honorary President of the Society, delivered an excellent and eloquent address on "Self-Culture as Advanced by Reading Outside One's University Course." Mr. Phillips, the Secretary, also rendered two instrumentals and a vocal solo, all of which were much appreciated.

Nominations for the Executive Committee of the Union for next year are to be handed in to the Secretary until Monday, March 16.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.

Mr. Sidney Patterson has joined the Metropolitan Bank staff, and is living in Wycliffe.

Mr. F. Clappison did not represent Wycliffe at the Normal College At Home. The college was not represented.

Rev. R. H. A. Haslam has returned from an extended tour of the Maritime Provinces in the interests of the C.C.M.S.

We are glad to report improvements in the condition of Messrs. Kidd, Gilbert, Millman and Haslam, who have all been ill.

Professor Wrong gave a very helpful address on "Ideals of the Ministry" at Monday even chapel last week, when he proposed the idea that success would depend upon our ideals of Christ, the Bible and Prayer.

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MEDICAL FACULTY.

Mr. D. L. Graham, of '05, has been unwell lately and has gone home to London for a week or two to recuperate. We hope to see him recovered very shortly.

Professor Primrose was absent last Monday in New York on business connected with the College. Dr. F. N. G. Starr gave the lecture on Anatomy for that day.

The morning speculation for the past week has been what new color will be laid on the towers of the new building. They appear to have decided upon a rich olive green as the permanent tint at the time of writing.

Messrs. Hardy and Gilday had elevating thoughts of each other one day last week, and the thoughts of both materialized with the aid of the remaining members of the class who "put them up," regardless of regulations or their own desires.

In drumming for news in the First Year the fact suggested most frequently was that by the time "The Varsity" is published again there will be another class to bear the name of "Freshmen," and that the patronage of the Sophomore will be at the disposal of the men of '06.

The end is in sight in the dissecting room. The material has all been issued and the men are working as men do work when it is their last opportunity. Of course there will be opportunity next year for those who are unfortunate in this, but no one reckons on misfortune. Some naughty Fivers are determined

that there shall be new specimens in Materia Medica next year even if they have to pocket the whole collection this year. The Dogwood Buttons got so far as the second row on Thursday, and the Arnica Flowers stopped short of the fifth.

On Tuesday evening last Professor Reeve, Dean of the Faculty and honorary president of the Medical Society, entertained the retiring and elected executive committees at dinner in the dining-hall of the University. The attendance was almost complete, nineteen taking their places at the table. The speeches were full of points regarding the welfare of the student body and the open-meeting idea, which proved itself so popular at the last election, furnished the keynote to most of them. They were not all in its favor, but the majority expressed full confidence in the experiment to be tried next fall. Dr. Rudolf, honorary treasurer, gave an account of the workings of similar societies in English colleges and predicted the success of the innovation. Dean Reeve, in his address, spoke hopefully of holding classes in the new building before the end of the term and alluded to the Convocation Hall scheme in which he trusted that the students in Medicine should not fall behind their fellows in other Faculties in the matter of assisting in the execution of the plans. At a most seasonable hour the gathering broke up and it is safe to suppose that the diners each had a couple of hours at their studies before retiring.

With this issue we complete the work assigned to us a year ago by the Class of '05 with the implied consent of that

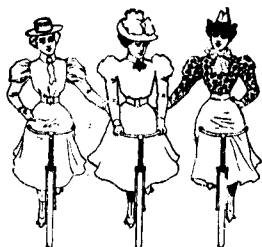
of '06. The duty then imposed upon us was taken up willingly but fearfully and has been done to the best of our ability whatever the result has been. From the first number to this, the last one, we have been given every courtesy due to the representative of our Faculty and every opportunity to voice its opinions so far as we were able. In laying down the pen of associate editor we bespeak a much more hearty support of "The Varsity" when the subscription books are opened again in October, and further bespeak a very much greater interest in the paper itself by the students in Medicine, so that no one or two men will have the duty of writing every line that comes from the Faculty we represent. We regret the delay in appointing a Senior representative to the board last fall and greatly regret the cause of his retirement so shortly after the New Year. If the representative of the Primary Years has presumed in speaking for the College as a whole, he can only urge the necessity of the case. For a season of onerous duty made light by encouragement and kindly criticism he thanks his fellow-students and regretfully announces the closing of the current volume of "The Varsity."

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Mr. G. R. Mickle spent several days in Montreal last week.

Dr. Ellis has unfortunately been confined to his room for some time on account of illness.

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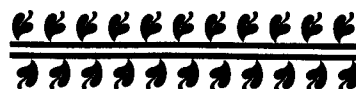
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Mr. H. L. Thompson, '05, who was ill with tonsilitis, has recovered and is back at the School again.

Mr. W. M. Edwards, '02, was about the School last week. He is down on a holiday from the "Soo."

Many of the School men are taking advantage of the dull spell before the exams. to get married.

Mr. Jack McFarlane, '03, is again back to the School. He is looking splendid after a pleasant honeymoon.

It is rumored that "Bob" Bryce is taking a special course for one of Professor Baker's "wealthy contractors."

The telephone has been moved upstairs, but doesn't improve things from the standpoint of the average undergraduate. The old grievance remains and seems destined to remain until stronger pressure than heretofore has been exerted is brought to bear on the proper authorities.

"The Scalp Hunters," a brand new Buffalo Bill story, has been published by several members of the Second and Third Years. A lock of hair is given as a

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A very interesting letter has lately been received by Mr. W. J. Blair, '02, from Mr. J. Patterson, '99, who is now Professor of Physics in Muir Central College, Allahabad, India. Mr. Patterson, who, it will be remembered, was an 1851 Exhibition Science Scholar at Cambridge University, received this appointment last fall. In the laboratory which he has under his charge, there are two engines, two dynamos and two motors, besides less important pieces of apparatus. He intends to soon have a complete electric equipment for the laboratory, but finds it a great drawback in having to order everything of any importance at all in England. Mr. Patterson is well pleased with his work and hopes to soon have everything in running order.

The time is rapidly drawing near when we shall be called upon to elect the executive of the Engineering Society for the Year '03-'04. Already distant rumblings of the impending conflict are heard about the drafting rooms and in a couple of weeks that most enjoyable evening, election night, will be upon us. Financially, the Society has had a very prosperous year; in fact, the most prosperous for nearly a decade, and a snug surplus

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is promised in the annual budget. The work of the Society for the year has been in general, encouraging. The average attendance per meeting this year has been one hundred and nineteen as compared with one hundred and fourteen last year. A great deal of literature has been distributed and many valuable exchanges have been received in return. A recent move of importance has been made by the Society in having the School Pin copyrighted and undertaking to carry pins in stock and have them on sale in the library. This will render it easier to perpetuate the standard design, which is an end much to be desired.

Many men are mentioned as "possibilities" in the coming conflict. Messrs. Gillespie, Pinkney, Oliver and Hamilton have been named as likely men for the presidency. There is no debating the ability of any of them. Peter is a born Parliamentarian, never at a loss for the proper words in the proper quantity at the proper moment. D. H.'s ability as a speaker and his experience on the executive would tell heavily in the campaign. "Ernie's" executive ability is well known, and as for J. F., if anybody can get the better of him in debate or repartee, he deserves the office. Mr. G. J. Manson will, no doubt, make a good run for vice-president. His capabilities were well shown in making the arrangements for the Niagara Falls excursion last fall. The names of Messrs. "Audy" Gray and Walter Wright are also mentioned in this connection. Messrs. W. W. Gray and J. M. Wilson have been mentioned as likely to be in the field for corresponding secretary and treasurer respectively. Their experience on the executive would make them valuable men. Messrs. "Bob" Bryce and R. S. Smart will contest the riding for Third-Year representative on the executive and for Third-Year representative on "The Varsity" editorial board respectively. It is rumored that Messrs. Trimble and Coates will do battle for the librarianship, and an exciting contest may be expected. There seems to be a prevailing feeling that candidates should not seek re-election after a couple of years of office, and so make room for able men heretofore not given a chance to demonstrate their ability. While this view is to be commended from certain standpoints, yet it would be exceedingly unwise to elect an entirely new executive for next year. There must be at least enough of the old executive left to make a smooth connection between next year's and this year's business. An agreeable innovation at the nominations, we think, would be to make nominees announce their candidature in a speech, such as is done at the

nominations for the Medical Society. It certainly would add an interest to the nominations which have grown to be rather humdrum of late years. We would also suggest the election of the various dinner representatives of the School at the annual elections. It would save much trouble and worry for the new president in doing away with the numerous mass meetings called for that purpose.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

The long-wished-for day when the new building might be occupied has come at last. The change has been much appre-

ciated and will be still more so when all arrangements are completed.

Now that the hockey season is almost at an end athletic thoughts have turned to baseball. St. Michael's has always been prominent in this branch of sport and this year will not prove an exception. Of last year's team, Rosler, Kelly, Nixon, Cunningham, Quinn, Pickett and Dooley are available. Lynch, the star third baseman of two years ago, and Murphy, who played on the same team, are both in attendance at the College. Dunn, the infield substitute, will also turn out and should be able to make a strong showing at short. The only uncertainty felt is about



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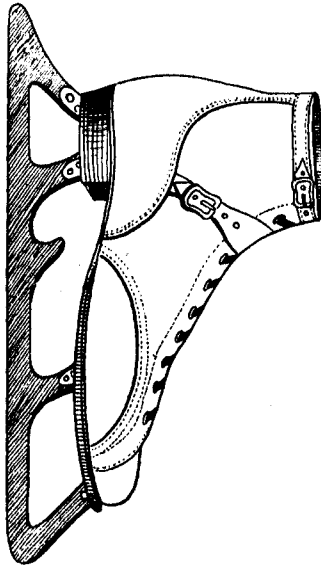
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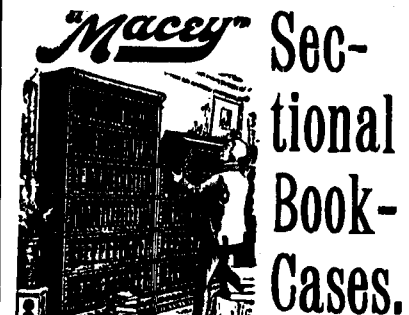
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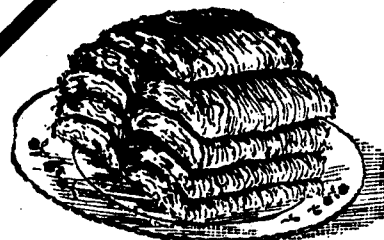
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