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### GERMAN PLAYS PRODUCED

By Modern Language Club  
Monday Night

### GOOD INTERPRETATION Of a Serio-Comic Tragedy and Roaring Burlesque

On Monday night last, the East Hall was the scene of a saturnalia of dramatic art when the Modern Language Club presented two German comedies "Er ist nicht eifersüchtig" which in Canadian means "He is not jealous," and "Die Schulleiterin" which means "lady caircurider." The utter abandon with which the players tossed German phrases and mouth-filling twenty-syllable words about made a mere pass German shiver with unholy glee. It gave one the same feeling as he would experience while watching a freshette sauce Chief Christie or Bob Fraser or any of our other cherished idols. Shades of Lohengrin! What a slaughter was there! Goldstuck took poison, Lower wore a dress-suit, and Dickman sang a charming little bit of grand opera entitled "Wohlauf nach Getrunken" which, it was said, is a favourite with our brother students of Heidelberg.

The first play, the one about jealousy, was a serio-comic tragedy revolving about the efforts of a doting but artful wife (played most admirably by Miss MacNabb) to gain the affections of her dissipated husband. The husband is one of those undemonstrative gentlemen whose disinclination to talk love-dreams is the bane of their wives' existence and this wife, in quite a wifely manner, decided to make him show his love by working on his jealousy. She calls in the inevitable third party in the person of her uncle (Goldstuck) and drives her husband (played by Smith) to the verge of pretending to take poison which, however, the uncle takes himself thus causing endless complications. Dales in the guise of a butler hovers, in his usually benignant manner, over the whole skit which was interspersed by many laughs (some of them—whisper it—coming in the wrong place).

The second play, "Die Schulleiterin" was the more humorous as it was the less easy to understand (still speaking from a pass German stand-point.) It was here that Art Lower disported in a dress-suit and that Dickman, attired in a green hunting outfit, made the gargoyles that decorate the walls of the hall thrill with his dulcet chest tones.

As usual, Paul Goforth played. Your Dramatic Writer will soon have writer's cramp through practising Paul's name. In the French play he had the heavy comedy part without, however, saying a word. In the Spanish play, he also played an important part; and again he bobs up in the German play attired as Otto the servant. Goforth is as good an actor as he is a runner or Polar-contentionist and is seriously considering an offer to go into Grand Opera with Dickman. Miss Dickson completed the quartette that gave this second comedy. The whole evening was an enjoyable one and the Modern Language Club deserve a great deal of credit for their work in the uplift of the drama.

### SWIMMERS TAKE NOTICE

The contest for the silver Medal of the Royal Life Saving Society will take place this afternoon at the Harrison Baths. Competitors are required to undress on the surface of the water, tow a man sixty feet, and do various other easy tasks. Nine men have entered.

The final land drill for the Bronze Medal of the Royal Life Saving Society will begin Monday at 5.15 p.m. in the fencing room. Examination Saturday, March 23. All men who are strong swimmers on the back are welcome. No tuition charges.

### OYSTER SUPPER

For Sophs—Freshies Are The Hosts

On Thursday night at 6.30 in the Y.M.C.A. building the U.C. Sophs. will get theirs! On that eventful day, the freshies will dive down into their pockets; produce three round, shining, silver quarters; and proceed to give the '14 men a free oyster supper. Enough said! Fore-warned is fore-armed and the Sophs. will take this notice to heart and fast all day to-day and to-morrow. This is an annual institution at University College and follows the freshmen initiation-reception (which costs the Sophs. a quarter each) in the fall. The freshman committee under the chairmanship of H. B. Kennedy have persuaded Andy Sibbald to allow smoking and, with plenty of Gold-crest cigarettes, oysters, and speeches, there ought to be a fine old time.

The fact that Principal Hutton and Prof. DeLury are carded to speak ought to prove a great drawing card. The toast list will include such speakers for '14 as Pres. McLelland, S. J. Cook, the orator, and Mr. J. F. C. Maunder. Messrs. Grant, Kennedy, Bastedo and Greg Clark will do the honours for '15. Tickets can be obtained by freshmen from the executive committee of '15.

### ATHLETIC MOGULS CHOSEN

Ten Candidates For Coveted  
Positions Passed Upon by  
Electoral College

Mel Brock, Bas. Frith, W. C. Laird, Jack Maynard and "Jeff" Taylor will comprise the athletic directorate for next year. The "also rans" were Herb. Taylor A. M. German, O. E. Finch, W. E. Brown and T. J. Livingstone. Two ballots were taken, the three lowest (Livingstone, Brown and Taylor) dropping out after the first.

The athletic directorate is the Supreme Court of Toronto University athletics. It is selected by an electoral college of 72 men, chosen to represent the various faculties and clubs. The rugby, soccer, track and hockey clubs have each six delegates; lacrosse, basket-ball, gym-team and fencing have four; the cricket, tennis, boxing, harrier, and swimming teams, the faculties of Applied Science, Medicine and Dentistry and Knox, Wycliffe, Trinity and Victoria Colleges have each two. Forestry has one and the retiring directors (five) all vote. The athletic associations of the colleges and faculties and the executives of the clubs appoint these representatives.

Reforms are promised before next year. It seems unjust to give boxing and wrestling only two while the fencers have four. The reverse ought to be the case.

Again, the runners have really eight (six for the track-team and two for the Harrier Club). And track athletics is not of the same importance as rugby.

### DO YOU GET THIS?

Mr. Paul Goforth, '12 U.C. who, under the pen-name of "La Chine" wrote a series of letters to the Varsity in support of Dr. Cook, has received an autographed copy of the worthy doctor's book.

### MISTAKE IN RETURNS

Through an unfortunate inadvertence a mistake crept into the Parliament election returns for the second year University College member. The figures representing the number of votes obtained by two of the candidates were transposed. The accurate returns show that D. P. McDougall has been elected.

Teacher—"The three boys in the front seat were the only ones to get the correct answer."

Voice (from the rear)—"Good team work, boys."



LEONARD A. DIXON, B.A.

Who leaves for Travancore, India, in September as the University of Toronto representative in the foreign mission field. The students are asked to rally at once behind the Varsity Y.M.C.A. in this work.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

For Vic. Women's Lit. —  
Y.M.C.A. Notes

The Victoria College Women's Literary Society elections resulted in the choice of the following ladies for the different offices: Hon. President, Mrs. Auger; President, Miss Spence '13; Vice-President Miss Oldham '13; Critic, Miss Cook '13; Literary Editor of Acta, Miss Whitney '13; Pianist, Miss Finch '13; Recording Secretary, Miss Clarke '14; Athletic Editor of Acta, Miss Edwards '14; Locals Editor of Acta, Miss Jones '14; Assistant Critic, Miss Morgan '14; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Granger '15.

The next meeting of the Society will be on Monday, March 18, at the usual place and hour. This will be Senior Day and gives promise of being very entertaining for some of the seniors will give their farewell words of warning and advice.

The last meeting of the Y.W.C.A. of Victoria College for this academic year was held on Monday, March 11. It was Senior Day, which has become a characteristic day in the Association. The whole program came from the seniors, a number of whom gave interesting college impressions and helpful parting advice. Miss Stenton favoured those present with a very sweet solo.

After the presentation of a University pin to the retiring President, Miss Trimble, Mrs. Graham, the Honorary President, invited the girls to stay to partake of refreshments which she had provided. This brought the last meeting of a very successful year to a pleasing close.

### THREE CANDIDATES

For Presidency of Eng. Soc.—  
Elections Friday

The nominations for the offices on the Engineering Society Executive will take place this afternoon at 2.30 in the 2nd Yr. drafting room. The following are the candidates for the Presidency: J. E. Ritchie, D. A. Mutch, E. R. Gray.

The elections will be held on Friday 15. Some of the voting will take place in the afternoon when it is expected that there will be booths in the Engineering Bldg., Thermo Bldg., C. and M. Bldg., and 2nd Yr. drafting room. Then the rest of the voting will take place at night in the Gym. where there will be the usual variety programme.

The 4th Year will hold their dinner on Friday evening the 15th at the Engineers Club. Tickets can be procured from any of the 4th Year executive. Price \$1.25.

Victoria College boasts a theological student who was a captain in the Russo-Japanese War.

### ACHIEVEMENTS OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

Was The Theme of President  
Falconer's Address to  
Medical Society

That the conquest of science over disease was the greatest accomplishment of this age was the statement made by President Falconer at the meeting of the Medical Society on Monday night.

The speaker took as examples of men who had led in this conquest, Lord Lister and Pasteur and from the stories of these men's lives drew important lessons.

At the beginning of his address President Falconer spoke of the discovery of the South Pole by Amundsen. This he said was a feat important not only from a scientific standpoint but because it was another case where man had conquered nature. The human race had now another achievement to be proud of and the difficulties of cold and privation had again been overcome.

The feeling that prompted Amundsen and his party was not one of foolhardiness but of moral courage. Life was not risked unnecessarily. The same spirit had prompted Christopher Columbus in his voyages of discovery to America or Vasco De Gama in finding the road to India around the Cape of Good Hope.

The results of their discoveries had not only been the new territories they gave to settlement but the whole European race had come to feel that they were masters of nature and dared do deeds that all had feared before.

"If I were talking to a class of Engineers" said the President I would enlarge on the conquest man has made over nature. But although an engineer might be able to make something of the new lands discovered by Amundsen there would be little there to enable a surgeon or a physician to make a living."

He would, he said, speak of the way in which medical skill had shown itself victor over disease during the past century. In this connection Lord Lister and Pasteur had shown a moral courage equal to if not superior to that shown by Amundsen or any of the explorers.

Pasteur had been a poor boy and yet he had become one of the world's greatest scientists. In the face of opposition to most of his discoveries he had proved that fermentation was the result of the action of micro-organisms and he had then studied the action of these organisms on animals. One of his first researches had resulted in restoring the silk worm industry in France where it was almost dead and thereby greatly increasing the wealth of his country.

He then turned his attention to the study of rabies, said the speaker, and found that he could by treatment prevent an animal from going mad even after it had been bitten.

It next remained to try the effect of this treatment on man but the great scientist shrank from experimenting with human life. At last a mother brought her little son whose face had been terribly bitten by a mad dog, and begged Pasteur to help him. After consulting with two of the greatest of the Parisian physicians Pasteur made the experiment. But he feared the result so much that for ten nights he scarcely slept and paced his room in agony fearing that he had caused the loss of a life. The boy however recovered and the value of the treatment demonstrated.

"This, ladies and gentlemen, should be a lesson to you not to experiment with so sacred a thing as human life," said President Falconer. To the doctor the patient and his friends trust themselves entirely and in giving his treatment no one can say him nay. It is well to remember that the charge is a scared one and no physician has a right to experiment on any of his patients merely for the advancement of science.

Before and after the address violin selections were given by Miss Moody whose efforts were loudly applauded by the students. At the close of the meeting a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to President Falconer and Miss Moody.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



With this issue the Varsity ceases publication for the academic year.

The sermon in Convocation Hall on Sunday morning next will be preached by Prof. Robert Law of Knox College.

Prof. Carruthers will deliver an illustrated lecture on "The Ancient Greek Theatre," on Friday 4.30 p.m. in room 11, Main Building.

The graduating class in Medicine are holding an informal dance Friday evening, March 15th at 8 p.m. in the new Masonic Hall, College Street.

The annual meeting of the tennis club will be held this afternoon at 5 p.m. in room 37, Main Building for the purpose of electing officers. Ladies welcome.

The annual junior fencing tournaments for the interfaculty junior championships will take place on Wednesday the 13th and Friday the 15th of March at 4 p.m. in the gym.

### COMING EVENTS

EXAMS!  
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### TORONTONENSIS

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Torontonensis 1912 will be on sale at the Varsity office, west wing of Main Bldg. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 20, 21, 22 from twelve to two o'clock. This delivery is for U.C. Arts, School, Meds., Forestry, St. Michaels and Wycliffe. The hours of sales at Victoria (Arts and Theology), Trinity, and Dents. will be advertised at the respective colleges the first of the following week. In the full leather and half-leather bindings a choice in colour (black or dark red) will be offered to the earliest purchasers at each delivery. Those who have paid deposits please bring receipts. Would the treasurers of the various clubs, etc., whose accounts to the Nensis are still outstanding kindly forward payment at once to W. E. Bastedo, South House, C 5011.

### FAREWELL BANQUET

Dr. W. E. Taylor of Shanghai will address the students of the University at a Banquet to be held by the Student Volunteer Union at Williams Café, 83 Yonge Street, on Friday March 15, at 6 p.m. Students of all faculties are urged to take advantage of this, the last opportunity of hearing Dr. Taylor before he leaves for England. Tickets may be secured from the representatives in the various departments, or at the Banquet on Friday evening.

### POETRY A LA GLOBE

"Although blank verse is not positively barred, it will be at a disadvantage before the judges compared with metrical poetry." *The Globe*, March 11.

Moreover, in the eyes of the judges, the iambic pentameter will have a shade on the more ordinary lyric.



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THE YEAR

It can hardly be expected that in looking back over a single year, we should notice any great progress—or retrogression—in the more important and less noticeable features of academic life. Most of us have attended a certain number of lectures, read a certain number of books, and written a certain number of essays: and it is difficult to see just how we have benefited thereby. A few more facts accumulated, and a few more forgotten; we are practically where we began. But are we, really? On second thought, is not our outlook broadened, our grasp of things increased and strengthened? Has not the freshman learned that there really is something left to learn, after all? The second-year man realized that there is some hope of his getting hold of the large ideas? the third year man that a certain amount of attention to detail would be at least an advantage? and the fourth-year man—what has he not learned? His head is fairly swimming in a chase of new ideas, which he is striving to get into some kind of order before May.

But the University—has it gone ahead in this way during the year? It is almost impossible to say, looking at the matter, as we must, from the inside and from below. But there seems to be a growing number of men who realize, as some have done for some time, that too much work is attempted, if a man is intended to do any of it well. We attempt to be encyclopaedic, and succeed only in being slipshod. The realization of this defect is a great step towards its correction, and in this last year, we think that it has been more generally realized than ever before. It may be that in the near future the undergraduate will get a little time to think, between the hours he spends in collecting other people's opinions ready-made, whether in books or at lectures.

But in spite of the crowding of timetables, there is a marked increase in the interest taken in national questions. There are more discussion clubs than have been in existence for some time; and particular attention has been drawn to the interest taken in current issues by the women undergraduates. With a further reduction of lectures, we may look for a great increase in discussion and debate on these large questions. There is really some thinking being done, in spite of the fact that there is not a great deal of encouragement given; if the men were, if not encouraged, at least not hindered by a quantity of academic work so great that it, by itself, cannot be done thoroughly—then, we are sure, not only would there be more thinking done, but the academic work would be done better.

If the record of the University's undergraduate publications be at all indicative of intellectual advance, we may congratulate ourselves upon a much greater degree of breadth than ever before. "Arbor" has served its purpose with unusual success. The high standard of that periodical is a constant source of delight to the friends of the University. The Varsity has extended its influence numerically by over one-half, and has proven conclusively its usefulness in undergraduate life. Through both these mediums a wealth of literary talent has been exposed, and the coming year should see still further developments of skill.

In athletics this year's record has been such as to occasion profound satisfaction.

In the intercollegiate struggles we were, on the whole, beaten by better teams from the other universities. To our friends of McGill and Queen's we extend our hearty congratulations on their victories over us in most of the intercollegiate sports. Old McGill especially has performed marvels. This year's record will be long one of the brightest spots in her athletic history.

And while on the subject of the successes of other colleges we should certainly pay tribute to the wonderful growth of McGill, with her Daily, her campaign which netted moneys whose amount runs into seven columns, and her "Greater McGill" spirit.

Queen's has been well to the fore in all affairs of intercollegiate interest, and shares with McGill the reputation of good sportsmanship.

To ourselves the fact that only two senior Championship cups (rugby and soccer) will grace the Student's Union next year is of little moment compared to the fact that 900 men took active part in organized outdoor sport and some 325 men in such indoor competitions as swimming, basket-ball, boxing, wrestling, fencing, and curling. In one year we have had an increase of nearly 50% in the numbers of those who are deriving health, strength and decision of character from participation in physical contests.

However, the most notable and satisfactory feature has been the almost complete disappearance of the "win-at-any-cost" spirit that is so characteristic of the "rooters' stand" of to-day. Well-known officials have repeatedly expressed themselves to the effect that college games are the least troublesome to handle. Rugby indeed does a player presume to question a decision; and there is a complete absence of any tendency to what is known in football circles as "dirty work in the scrim." This of course, is no recent development, but a similar attitude on the part of the onlookers, most certainly is. Never before has the sense of courtesy due a visiting team been so well-defined or the spirit of "may-the-better-team win" so prevalent.

In the largest sense, the athletic year has been one of unparalleled progress.

All the various societies around the University report successful years, and the musical and women's dramatic clubs have done remarkably well.

The control of feelings in times of jubilation the past year has been at least fairly successful. Parades after the football games were conducted with an order which elicited the unstinted praise of the city officials.

In the affairs of government we can boast unprecedented success. The Parliament of the Undergraduates, long a body unknown; because of its unwieldy nature very unpopular, and by reason of its financial failures and powerlessness to command money very little respected, has, through the efforts of its vigorous Executive, placed itself in a position of authority in University life. Only gross blunders on the part of the men elected for the coming year can weaken this central body. The Referendum on Student Control of discipline which brought out a vote of 54% of the enrollment, a remarkable showing as compared with municipal or provincial records, has not only given the Parliament an indication of the sentiment for and against the vesting of authority in the student organization, but has quickened the sense of responsibility in every man. The spirit of true greatness in the individual and in the mass is rapidly developing and we are seeing ourselves more clearly in relation to the main tendencies of Young Canada. We are realizing more fully the place of plan and government in our lives, and are not unduly influenced by the bustle and scramble of a commercialistic environment.

But there is room for great improvement. What undue bustle there is in our University can be eliminated by the introduction of proper machinery. Activities which at present take an enormous amount of time from the purely academic life can be handled by specialists in the various lines. Organization is badly needed. The proposal of the Parliament to secure a Secretary who would devote himself exclusively to the business details of the majority of our enterprises is excellent.

We are in a period of transition. We have not reached full development in any one line, but are laying foundations for a superstructure whose nature we know not. Is our University to become more strictly academic, or will it be a working part in all the activities of political life? Will our organization be used as an indirect, or a direct energizer of the nation?

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CORRESPONDENCE

"F. M." UNBURDENS HIMSELF.

To the Editor of The Varsity: Dear Sir:

The last few days have been red letter days here at the University. Among the many good things said and done, two impressed me most.

One was a lecture on a vital and interesting subject, delivered by a "live" man, a man with open eyes, and a man with a wonderfully clear and broad insight into the mind and feelings of everyday man.

The other was the last piece by High-Brow. Like Mr. Gilbreth, he realizes that it is a very important thing, that we who will one day be dealing with, and employing men who have not had our opportunities to acquire education, should be able to understand the feelings and mentality of these people and be able to gain their co-operation and goodwill.

Although much to be regretted, it is a fact that many, if not most of us are inclined to regard those who perform the mechanical details of our work as a peculiar species, which we can't understand and therefore lump under the rather vague term "working class."

So like High-Brow, I say get out and sweat this summer, chum up with the section men on the railroad and the log-

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A DUBLIN GRAD.'S VIEWS To the Editor of The Varsity: Dear Sir: The article entitled "The College Journal" in the last edition of "The Varsity" has prompted me to write a few lines.

T.C.D. (Trinity College, Dublin) runs a weekly magazine called "The T.C.D. Miscellany." I have read the Varsity with intense interest throughout the College year, and I feel that the members of the Staff who run Trinity's magazine could take many a hint from the University of Toronto Tri-weekly.

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The Harvard corporation refused the use of any of the University halls for a lecture by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette

**THE DOPE SHEET**  
"Nemesis" Returns And Holds Affecting Interview With The Dopester

Forsaking my wonted habits, I had fallen into a pleasing reverie. No longer was there occasion for a Dope-Sheet. McGill had won the hockey and basketball trophies and Queen's had squeezed out a narrow victory at the Intercollegiate Assault-at-Arms. The seconds had gone down to an ignominious defeat before the triumphant barbarians from McMaster. Only the despised Juniors had upheld the honour of Varsity. I was despondent. I could not even plead that I was practising the much lauded art of meditation for I was indulging only in an idle reverie, that 'vagrancy of thought.'

I was disturbed by the abrupt entrance of an old friend "Nemesis," who two years ago was the notorious mascot of the Women's Hockey League. An idle roysterer he had been, who wrote only as the whim seized him. He plunged at once into reminiscences.

"We had some team that year," he remarked. "Nothing could stand before them. They were as devouring monsters. They suffered no defeats. They invited me to their dance."

I pricked up my ears and writhed slightly.

"Yes," he continued, "some team and some captain. Of great foresight, marvelous end—"

I broke in roughly. "She is still with us." This rather tartly for his allusions galled me. In my own mild, inimitable manner I rather abhor enthusiasm.

He flung himself impatiently. "Has she not distinguished herself as of old."

"In many ways and ubiquitously," I answered grimly, "she is undoubtedly astute, even to a Machiavellian degree. When encompassed by the enemy she sat upon the puck. Presently there arrived succour."

Nemesis fixed upon me a stony stare. My own gaze inclined to be elusive. I went on hurriedly.

"Of course other exploits were so numerous as to be regarded as commonplace. Single-handed she has circled through bewildered opponents. This not once, nor twice, but often. And by fearless body checks she has averted many scores. Unflinchingly she has—"

"That will do," said Nemesis. "Subside."

I subsided.

After a pause I resumed. "I think we still have another of your favourites. She also is a noted warrior."

"Warrior is right," responded Nemesis. "You must have been at the final match with St. Hilda's this year," I hazarded.

He nodded. "I remember her of old. Is she not a menace to adjacent windows and does she not upon occasion use large language?"

We grinned in mutual understanding.

He went on. "I noticed another familiar face, one who was not a regular in my time. Tell me, why does she wear a Meds. sweater?"

A few words sufficed for the sad story. "Poor fellow," murmured Nemesis. "I suppose he is now a cynic. And she, heartless creature, still wears it."

A reverential silence and then, "What about that postponed Vic.-St. Hilda game?"

"You heard about that," I remarked in surprise.

"Only this!—that St. Hilda's wanted to postpone a Saturday morning schedule march because they desired to dance Friday evening; that Vic. refused spitefully, whereupon the Trinity co-eds, heroically decided to keep in condition by refusing the seductive call of Terpichore; that the women from Annesley maliciously sent a notice of default about 9.30 p.m. on the Friday in question, but that the others went to the dance notwithstanding the lateness of the hour; and that Vic. finally claimed the game by default. How about it?"

"It is very plausible," I rejoined guardedly. "I myself called up the Hall on Sunday that the facts might grace the front page of Monday's issue. But after vain inquiries for various hockey notables I was informed by some one in authority that no one at Annesley was interested in hockey on the Sabbath.

Nemesis stretched out a sympathetic hand. "I was once an habitue myself." And again we grinned in mutual understanding.



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