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No. I.

THREE SORROWS.

In life are many griefs; but learn of three,
That strangely link our joy and misery.

To sit before the key-board and to hear
Harmonies in the harpsichord of soul
Beyond all music known to mortal ear,—
Yet feel the fingers mute as though in fear
To speak the stately anthems of the Whole.

To read on printed page the master-strain,
And feel the pulse-beat of his mind—yet know
Thou canst not wake those songs to life again,
Nor reach the rhythm of his sweet refrain,
And rouse the waiting world to fever glow.

To cloak the self in thought, and meditate
Upon the Cause, the End, the Now, the Then,
On wings of speculation soar elate,
To pinnacles of Truth—yet weary wait
For winged words to tell the tale to men.

—WILLIAM HARDY ALEXANDER.

COLLEGE ATHLETICS.

I. From the Student's Point of View.

Modern education requires us to give the word athletics a generous interpretation, and in complying with the request of the Editor to write an article on this interesting topic, I am keeping in mind not college athletes alone, but the average college man, and indeed all college students. All who have given thought to this immensely important educational question, must agree that the true way to look at it is from the standpoint of the student-body as a whole. If the cultivation of athletics is a good thing for the university, then it is a good thing for all students, and not merely for those whose names appear on the programmes of inter-collegiate contests. It is easy to demonstrate this, and the discussion may not be quite superfluous. In that excellent little hand-book, issued by our good friends, the members of the Y.M.C.A.—a society, which, by the way, has always kept in the closest touch with the athletic interests of the university—strong earnest advice is given from year to year to all incoming students to engage in some form of athletic exercise—to join the gymnasium, to play baseball, or to try for a place on one of the foot-ball teams. The value and the motive of this saving counsel may be inferred from the fact that it comes from men who have to take for their afternoon meetings the hour of the day which is the very best and most available for physical exercise.

The individual man, including the student, is divided by a psychologically erroneous, but practically useful analysis into the body, mind and spirit. It will be convenient to look at the college man from the three points of view thus indicated.

We may say, then, first of all, that athletic exercise is good or rather necessary for the student's body. I have said that the trisection of a man just mentioned is psychologically erroneous. One effect of the error has been to set up one part of the unit man against another, and to regard the body, being material, as being rather gross in its nature, and deserving of neglect or disparagement, as compared with mind and soul. But we may take our stand upon the fact that the good Creator made our bodies, not merely parts of ourselves, but actually all of ourselves that can be seen, and touched, that can move, act and speak. To bring into and maintain it in good order is something well worth doing, for the sake of the man himself that uses it, and for the sake of others that look upon it or depend upon its labor. A strong, symmetrical, active, enduring body is the thing best worth seeing in all creation, next to the face of a good man or woman. And even the expression of the face is often greatly affected by the condition and temper of the body.

Now, there is no other way of making the body serviceable and comely than by exercising, or still better, by training it. Exercise may be aimless. Training is intelligent exercise for a definite purpose. In the main, two good conditions must be fulfilled in such exercise. Plenty of oxygen must enter into the system, and the frame must be developed and kept in tone throughout, so that, as the great apostle, who speaks so much about athletics, phrases it, "There may be no schism in the body." To secure these ends a combination of out-door with gymnasium exercise, is desirable. The exact system to be followed should, however, be settled by competent expert authority; for in this, as in other branches of education, an instructor is needed from the earliest years onward. I need scarcely add that laying stress upon physical beauty and force is not likely to do injury by increasing the self-complacency with which the average college young man is supposed to regard himself; a silly fellow is not likely to be made more silly by good advice, even if such a type of being were to infest our halls or our campus.

The material part of our nature, however, must be kept in its right place, with due regard to the welfare of the whole man; and no system of physical training is worthy of the attention of a cultured community which does not keep the intellectual and moral interests of the athlete in the forefront. As far as mental benefit is in question, there are two points to be specially noted. One is, the great end to be gained; the other is the right means of gaining that end.

The centre and quintessence of the student life is mental work and achievement. In playing student, if I may use the term, there is, or may be, a great deal of outfielding, and the player may have to make many a zigzag run, but all the play finally tends to the goal, the winning of knowledge and wisdom at the end of the course. The interest and the issue of the game are mainly intellectual. But here we must drop the figure, and go back to the physical basis of our mental process. The brain does our mental work. It is the centre and crown of the nervous system. To keep the nerves strong and responsive to all the demands of intellectual impulse and volition, the whole physical environment should be at its best. A lapse of vital force, the impoverishment of the blood by the diminution of its supply of oxygen, mean the withdrawal of nourishment from the organs that do the work of the mind. Many a noble fellow has cherished the mistaken idea, not sufficiently combated by the old educational systems, that time devoted to exercise is time lost to the ends of study. He has paid the penalty by a crippled or shortened life, to the unspeakable loss of science and society. The melancholy reflection has to be made that the man who would do most for himself and his fellows if he regarded the fundamental principles of mental hygiene, is usually the man who ignores them most. We should preach, in season and out of season, the saving doctrine that regard and care for the mind not only require, but actually include, regard and care for the body as well, and that a good physique is needed to "carry" a good brain to the end of its race.

As to the means of securing this end, we must remember that here again special advice and training are necessary. It is so very easy to misunderstand one's own constitution, its susceptibilities and capabilities, that it is every student's duty to see to it that he chooses the right kind of exercise, the right mode, and the right amount. This must be left also to the individual and his counsellors. But there is one aspect of the case which must not be overlooked, even in a general review of the subject such as the present. Those forms of exercise should be selected, which, in the first place, are of themselves interesting or entertaining, and which, in the second place, require the exercise of intelligence in their prosecution. It is an almost indispensable thing for the mental and emotional health of the student to have some regular pursuit which takes him for a time out of his main sphere of interest and exertion. And it is doubly advantageous to him, when such an avocation tends, at the same time, of itself, to mental development. Both of these ends are secured in a high degree by athletic competitions of one sort or another. Apart from the moral benefits of these contests, the mental training which they afford is not inconsiderable, and, as a rule, the brainier and more alert the contestant is, the better will be his play when the conditions are otherwise equal.

This phase of the subject comes close to the third aspect of college athletics—that which regards them from the point of view of the moral and spiritual nature of the student. It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of this side of the subject. We must consider that whether the student takes the matter to heart or not, he is making himself more or less of a man by all that he does as a member of his college, and by the spirit in which he does it. The remark applies to the use made of all forms of athletics; but I am thinking

mostly of the various forms of sports which involve a contest.

All that we do at any time brings its obligation with it. But this sphere of action brings special responsibilities of the gravest moment. A member of a club or team must have the most delicate sense of honor, not only towards his commilitants but towards his opponents. His very employment demands for its success, not only mental self-command, but emotional and moral self-control. Some forms of competition—notably Rugby football, the greatest out-door game ever devised by man or boy—require a high degree of both physical and moral courage combined. On the field impulses come swift and decisive; and they are sure to do a large part in the make-up of the player at the formative period of his life. It is a fine thing not to flinch in the mass play or in the rush. But magnanimity is as noble as physical daring, and one can only measure the moral value of a refusal to take a mean advantage of an opponent, when one considers the temptation and the opportunity.

Again, as a rule, those who have most depth and strength of nature are most quick and passionate, and the inclination to resent a seeming or actual unfairness is the most common and irresistible of impulses. Hence, the self-control that is required even by the rules of the game, and that is inwardly promoted by its moral discipline, will keep possession of the soul by virtue of the very force with which it makes sure of its grip. These trials and tests of the inmost nature contribute in no small degree to develop or foster the courtesy, generosity, and self-command, which are the attributes of the Christian gentleman. Hence, college sports ought to be and often are a magnificent moral discipline.

Finally, the comradeship and good-fellowship of the athletic clubs are among the best things in college life. That they are a grand thing for the university goes without saying. But they wonderfully affect also the spirit and temper of the individual member. His devotion to his club affects his feelings towards all his environment and reacts upon his whole inner being. Among his most cherished associations through life will be those of the struggles and triumphs of his athletic career. And his admiration of the skill or prowess of either his comrades or rivals will tend to develop in him an enthusiasm for what is high, difficult and worthy in the tasks and pursuits of later years.

These delights and passions of our youth are not trivial or ignoble; and the college athlete will lose nothing, but will surely gain much by bringing them within the sphere of heart and conscience. It was a fine thing that St. Paul said to his pupil Timothy: "Let no man despise thy youth." Let no university student despise his own youth, its energies, its capacities, its possibilities, its opportunities.

PRIZE COMPETITION.

Any of our graduates, who have a bent towards literature, should take note of the offer of the Century Magazine, which gives three prizes of \$250 each, for the best piece of verse, best short story and best essay, written by a college graduate of not more than one year's standing. Last year all three prizes were won by young women, two of whom came from Vassar. Details regarding the competition may be had on application to THE VARSITY.

The College Girl

The first formal, or rather a delightfully informal reception given by the members of the Women's Literary Society, to the women of the incoming first year, was held on Saturday afternoon, October eighth, between the hours of four and six-thirty, in the Reading-Room and East Hall of the university building.

This custom of greeting the new girls at the earliest opportunity, is an especially happy one, because on that occasion, not only do the women of the first year meet their fellow-undergraduates of the other years—and also the wives of the professors—but the graduates in goodly numbers make it a special point to be present, and add a welcome to the new members of the family. The guests were received by the President, Miss L. K. White, the Vice-president, Miss Tennant, and the other members of the Executive. East Hall presented a strangely festive appearance, with numbers of small tables scattered here and there, where two or three friends might sit down together—while the members of the committee, with a corps of helpers, served tea. While still seated, each guest was asked to consult a programme, which had been given to her on arriving, and which proved to be a record of the musical selections and toasts which were to follow.

Miss White, President, and Miss Wegg, Secretary, took charge of the proceedings, as on an ordinary literary society evening, and upon coming forward to make her first announcement, the President was enthusiastically received. Miss Little, President of the Young Women's Christian Association, represented her fellow-workers, and gave a very neat speech, inviting all, and especially the new students, to their weekly meetings.

Miss Cleary and Miss Johnston each made a few bright remarks, dealing with her own special department, of Ladies' Glee Club, and Ladies' Lawn Tennis Club, respectively.

Miss Benson represented the press, and spoke especially of *Sesame*, of which she is Editor-in-chief this year. Lastly, Miss Amos, a scholarship girl in Moderns, represented the first year, in a short speech, which fully demonstrated her command of her own language, at least. Miss Amos, in thanking the members of the society for tendering them this reception, said that the only unkind act she had noticed since she came to the university, was the giving of a green ribbon as the designation of the first year.

The writer remembers, in her freshman year, that the designation was yellow, and upon asking why the powers that be had chosen that color, instead of green, was told by a student who had attained to the dignity of her third year, that the first year designation was yellow, and the second year was blue, so that the combination of the two would give the desired tone.

Of the musical programme too much praise cannot be given. Miss Kennedy was in splendid voice, and was very well received. Miss Mason, a sister of Miss M. E. Mason, our Glee Club pianiste, gave a brilliant piano solo. Miss Patterson's violin solo was much en-

joyed, and Miss Mae Dickinson sang in her usual delightful manner.

Among those present were: Mrs. Loudon, Miss Salter, Mrs. Chant, Mrs. Moore, Miss Darling, of Schenectady, N.Y.; Miss Moore, Miss Beatty, Miss Street, Miss Balmer, Miss Jane Hillock and Miss Georgie Cowan.

The many friends of the Ladies' Glee Club, of University College, will be interested to know that work has already begun in that department, and that present indications point to a more successful season even than that of 1897.

Mr. Wm. F. Robinson, whose work with the club last year aroused so much favorable comment, has been retained as conductor for the ensuing term. Miss Cleary, the President, and the other members of the Executive, express themselves as much pleased with the new material from the incoming first year. There are several voices which promise to be of great service to the club. The fact that so many of the old members from the present second, third and fourth years, have signified their intention of again identifying themselves with the club, is also very satisfactory to the committee.

The membership is open to all women graduates, undergraduates, and occasional students of the University of Toronto.

At the next meeting of the Women's Literary Society, on Saturday evening, October twenty-second, a clever little farce, written by Serle Smith, and entitled, "My Lord in Livery," will be presented. The facts that the play is under the management of Miss Wolverton and Miss Darling, and that the bill of the play shows the names of some of last year's stars, will insure a crowded house. The girls of the first year will please consider themselves especially invited.

FILIA.

CONVOCATION.

The outside world cannot be said to have assumed its fairest aspect on Friday afternoon, when the University of Toronto Convocation was held in the gymnasium building, but yet a goodly crowd of students and friends of the university, including many ladies, were present at the appointed hour, 3 o'clock. The Freshmen had assembled in the Pavilion, in Queen's Park, and, after holding a choir practice, to get their yell "down fine," had marched over to the meeting, and now occupied seats in the front of the gallery. The other students were scattered about the gallery, and a considerable number occupied seats on the floor of the hall. Before "the mighty hosts were seen advancing," the air was filled with cries and yells of the various colleges and classes in arts; these afforded, perhaps, the best entertainment of the day, for what would these formal autumnal gatherings be if the student could not render his ditty, give his funny remarks, or create a stir and mirth for an appreciative audience? The singing was hardly so good as in former years, and only the Freshmen showed the results of practice; these latter can be congratulated on their proficiency in that respect, but they should have joined the rest of the students in giving cries that are the property of the whole class of book-worms. So time passed rapidly till the beadle entered, bearing the mace, and leading the notable procession of Canada's distinguished in public, as well as in academic life. Order was then re-

sumed and the speakers held the floor, being interrupted only when the Seniors wished to impress upon the minds of the "Freshies" important points brought out in the speeches.

Convocation being formally opened, the presentation of prizes and fellowships was proceeded with. Hon. David Mills, introduced the fellows, Mr. B. E. Walker, Prof. Galbraith, Prof. Fraser, the prize winners, and Mr. J. C. Glashan and Prof. Baker, those who won medals. Owing to the fact that Prof. Mills had to leave early, he was the first to be called upon for his address. This is the first time, since he has occupied his present position, that the Professor of Constitutional and International Law has been present at Convocation. He spoke briefly in advocacy of the department of political science, and urged its importance in relation to both the social and governmental institutions of the nation.

Mr. B. E. Walker, after presenting the prizes in mineralogy and geology, spoke of the importance of these studies in the development of the mineral sections of the country. He urged the absolute necessity of securing more funds. Part of this work is done in the university, and part in the S.P.S.; his remarks referred only to the university section. After Prof. Fraser had presented the prizes in Italian, and had explained that they were given by the Italian Government, and this year for the first time, the President arose to deliver his usual Convocation address. The honored gentleman gave a clear, concise talk on several points which are now of particular importance to the university, and which are agitating the minds of both students and alumni. The progress of the university, in scholarship, was dwelt upon, and he came to the conclusion that this institution is "a light spot in the darkness of the Western World." But a decrease in the number of students in attendance was remarked, and as the small number of Freshmen accounted for this decrease, this disappointing circumstance must be due to two causes: The increase of ten dollars in fees, and the uneven nature of the matriculation examination. He lamented the fact that the fees had been raised, but explained that such an action had been necessary. He commended the undertaking to publish a series of "University Studies." These studies will bring Toronto University into touch with the scientific world, and will be of a pecuniary value in being exchanges for many hundreds of dollars' worth of foreign scientific journals. Again, since the university is not fully performing its functions if it is content to be merely a transmitter of knowledge, but since it must add its mite to the sum of human knowledge, an opportunity to publish and preserve this mite is given, and thus the studies serve as a barometer to report the progress of the intellectual life of the university. He claimed the new degree of Ph.D. would enhance the reputation which the institution has already earned for scholarship. He noted the importance of athletics, as an auxiliary force, and in this connection, advocated the formation of a university battalion. He concluded by making a strong plea for an improvement in the department of Mineralogy and Geology.

Hon. G. W. Allan, Chancellor of Trinity, and Bishop Sullivan gave short addresses. The latter urged the restoration of the Ridgeway window, as a memorial to McKenzie, Newburn and Tempest, the three Varsity students who fell in that engagement.

Hon. G. W. Ross, Canada's eminent orator, then took the platform, and delighted his audience with his

brief address. After touching upon the progress of the university, during the comparatively few years that he had been connected with it, he spoke of the tendency to specialize, and its effect in raising the standard of matriculation. He did not favor a too high standard of entrance. He lamented the fact that the university had not projected itself more into the national life. Very few university graduates enter politics. He explained that the standard of High Schools must be kept up, else the university would also deteriorate. Upon financial affairs he did not touch—did not even sympathize with the students in their necessity of having to pay increased fees. This finished the programme inside, but towards the end of the proceedings a movement among the students of the higher years was noticeable, at the same time the paleness on the Freshmen's faces was becoming more ashy and a quiver seemed to be visible at times. They saw the inevitable was coming, and the sight of the Rugby suits at the doors convinced them that their organization would avail them nothing. This impression was by no means false. Their organization meant their ruin, for the fact that they were in a crowd showed the Senior his best opportunity for hustling them all, while the boldness engendered among them by being shoulder to shoulder, seemed to challenge subjection by the other students. Wisely they refrained from making their exit through the upper small door, but confined their charges to the large door on the main floor. But the plan of the building, both inside and out, affords excellent opportunity for extending a welcome to gentlemen of the first year, and they received a royal welcome. It had been raining during the day, so the terrace was quite slippery, but to avoid accidents, and to save time, extra water was thrown on, and down this declivity, the Freshmen were allowed to glide in any fashion they might wish. But words fail to describe the scene. In short, it was the best hustle administered for years, and the melee in the ravine which met the eye of the spectator will not soon be forgotten. The Freshies are now full-fledged students.

The Convocation of University College, in the evening, was not so well attended as that in the afternoon, doubtless on account of the inclement weather. The successful prizemen, scholars and medalists, were presented for their hard-won honors, amid the generous applause of the audience. On this, the lecturer of the evening, Prof. McCurdy, was introduced, to deliver his lecture on Greece, Rome, and Israel, and, by his able and scholarly effort, firmly established his already high position among the great teachers and scholars on this continent.

SENIORS ELECT OFFICERS.

The class, '99, acting promptly, as usual, met on Monday afternoon, October 10th, and selected the following officers for the ensuing academic year: President, Alex. Macdougall; 1st Vice-President, Miss B. M. Jamieson; 2nd Vice-President, S. A. Dickinson; Secretary, W. H. McNairn; Treasurer, A. J. Dickson; Orator, J. J. Monds; Judge, A. L. Burch; Prophet, E. G. Robb; Critic, A. C. Kingstone; Mus. Director, H. E. Abraham, Ath. Director, W. A. Groves; Historians, W. Rea and Miss E. Dennis; Councillors, Miss C. C. Benson, Miss D. F. Wright, F. Halliday, and R. J. Clegg.

School of Science Notes

On May 20th last, A. Niven, O.L.S., left the city to finish running the division line between Algoma and Nipissing districts. In his party were two men from the S.P.S.—his assistant, E. V. Neclands, and W. E. H. Carter, assistant Geologist. It took two weeks to get to the end of the first half of the line, which was run in 1896, and on which W. W. Stull, B.A.Sc., held the position of assistant. This part of the trip began with a 7-mile portage, and after that about as much portaging as paddling. The starting-point was reached on a Saturday evening. This is on a small river, about 2 miles from Night Hawk L., a large expanse of water not far north of the height of land. On Sunday the whole party paddled out to Indian Camp Island, in the lake, to call on the Indians. There were twenty of them in all, principally children and young squaws. Chief Buffalo received the party. He and his squaw are fine samples of the tribe, if dirt counts for anything. Besides these, there were 35 Indian dogs, the meanest specimens of the canine race; and one young bear. This latter tried its best to chew a chunk out of Necland's leg. The young maidens are not like the kind one reads of—they were not at all bashful, but all assembled on the bank both to welcome and say good-bye to their white visitors.

Next day the party separated. The line was begun, and the geologists started away in a canoe on their work, and after that it was only once in every week or so that all could camp together again. While exploring one of the larger lakes, the canoe and its cargo narrowly escaped from a whirlwind, which formed in one of the bays by a sudden change in the direction of the wind. The country around bears evidence of other similar disturbances. This higher part of the North-land is well stocked with game. Bear, moose, caribou and many other smaller fur-bearing animals were seen.

No more Indians appeared, after those mentioned, until the middle of August, when New Post, on the Abitibi River, was reached. This is about 60 miles from James' Bay, and comprises three buildings, belonging to the Hudson Bay Company, where the Indians trade for food the furs they get in the winter, and around which they loaf in the summer months. It is their common custom to erect their wigwams about the Posts during this time, and receive rations from the company for doing nothing. Here W. A. Parks, B.A., and W. E. H. Carter saw the last of the survey party, and spent the next three weeks between there and Moose Factory, which is at the mouth of the Moose River. This village of Moose is over 200 years old, and was the first headquarters of the Hudson Bay Company. There are between 150 and 200 inhabitants, either white or part Indian, and except the Bishop of Moosonee and his family, are families in the employ of the company. In the summer months, an addition of about 250 Indians is made to the population, so that the whole place, which is a long, narrow island, one mile up from the mouth of the river, assumes a very lively aspect. The annual ship, sailing from England, with the supplies, had then arrived after being jammed in an ice floe in Hudson Straits for 10 days. This is the great event of the year, and the factors from the different posts

around James Bay assemble there then in their York boats to get their supplies for the coming year. The vessel was in plain sight 9 miles out off the river's mouth, in the "ship-hole," a deeper space between the two outer bars. Every single article has to come by ship, for if it were brought through Canada, it would be worth its weight in gold by the time it got there, because the rivers are so difficult to navigate, and only possible to canoes.

The trip home was made up the Missanaibie River. This is a much prettier river than the Abitibi, but a harder one, for the current is very swift, and it is well filled with rapids. It took twenty days to come out, a distance of from 350 to 400 miles.

Mr. Niven's party ought to be well on its way out by now. It is to be hoped that this month will be a bright one, for it is cold up there now, and if it is as rainy as in September, it will be a very severe trip for them.

At the residence of the bride's father, on Wednesday evening, October 5th, 1898, by the Rev. Septimus Jones, Arthur E. Blackwood, of Claremont, New Hampshire, U.S.A., to Edna May, eldest daughter of Alfred M. Watson, of Toronto. As Mr. Blackwood is a graduate of the School of Practical Science, the school extends to him its heartiest congratulations.

On Thursday, 13th October, a mass meeting of the students was held in order to organize the Association Football Club, when the following officers were elected: Hon. President, Mr. C. H. C. Wright; President, Mr. Revell; Vice-President, Mr. W. H. Boyd; Sec.-Treas., Mr. Henderson; Captain, Mr. Morrison; Manager, Mr. J. A. Johnson; I. Year Rep., Messrs. Larkworthy and Harvey; II. Year Rep., Mr. Matheson; III. Year Rep., Mr. Patterson; IV., Year Rep., Mr. W. E. H. Carter.

The first meeting of the Engineering Society was held on Wednesday, 12th of October, with Prof. Galbraith in the chair. On account of the resignation of the President, Vice-President, 4th Year Representative and Assistant Librarian, nominations were received for those offices. Mr. Carter and Mr. Shanks were elected unanimously to the offices of President and Vice-President, and Messrs. Grant and Shipley were nominated for 4th Year Representative, and Messrs. Clark and Price for Assistant Librarian. A number of the members gave their experiences on vacation work, then the meeting adjourned in order to allow the members to attend the trial-heats for the games.

CLASS OF '01.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 11th inst., a large and enthusiastic meeting of the class of 1901 was held, for the purpose of electing the officers for the year. The elections resulted as follows: President, E. J. Kylie; 1st Vice-President, Miss Hutchison (acclamation); 2nd Vice-President, C. E. Rowland (acclamation); Secretary, A. H. Adams; Treasurer, H. B. Irwin; Athletic Director, E. P. Brown (acclamation); Musical Director, H. L. Lazier (acclamation); Orator, F. G. Lucas; Prophet, H. M. P. Deroche; Poetess, Miss Forrest; Judge, A. F. Aylesworth; Critic, J. B. Coyne; Historians, Miss Cole, G. F. McFarland (acclamation); councillors, Miss Watt, Miss Crane, F. H. Woods and P. A. Carson.

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GREETING.

THE VARSITY, with this number, makes its bow for the session of ninety-eight and nine. Like the veteran actor, who has for years appeared before the public, it comes on the stage with some degree of confidence—not confidence in its own abilities—but confidence in the kindness and sympathy of those before whom it appears. Encouraged by that co-operation and support which it has received in the past, it feels sure that these essential elements of success will not be refused to it during this year. But while THE VARSITY is deeply grateful for the forbearance of its readers, on account of whatever failings it may have, yet it believes that it still deserves the active support of the students by whom and in whose interests it is written and printed. THE VARSITY is the organ of the undergraduates of the University of Toronto. It is their property. It is for them to use. It aims to reflect their opinions; to make known their wants; to voice their aspirations. Its columns are open to them, if they have anything to say—by anything, be it understood, is meant anything not derogatory to the loyalty which we all owe to that Alma Mater at whose feet we are together found humbly seeking wisdom. Only one other restriction would THE VARSITY place upon any communications which may be addressed to it. Argument must never be allowed to degenerate into personal abuse. But these are two things which it is not necessary to say—things of which no one needs to be reminded. THE VARSITY then calls upon the students of Toronto to write for it, to subscribe for it, to patronize its advertisers—to work with the Editorial and Business Boards in making the journal a success from both the literary and financial points of view. THE VARSITY believes that it will not call in vain.

NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The Editor of THE VARSITY wishes to call attention to the fact that he cannot publish any matter unless the sender encloses his name. The author's name is not necessarily for publication, but merely as a guarantee of good faith. If a contributor does not—for

whatever reason—care to sign his own name, he is at liberty to use any nom-de-plume he may choose, but his identity must be known to the Editor. With respect to anonymous matter already sent in, THE VARSITY can only print it, if those who were kind enough to contribute it will let the Editor know who they are.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

With the faculty and graduates, THE VARSITY is on terms of friendship, which go back many years, and it here takes advantage of the opportunity to thank the many members of these two bodies, who have done, and are doing so much to help it. Among the students only one-fourth are strangers, and even among that fourth THE VARSITY already counts some friends and many acquaintances. THE VARSITY welcomes the first year to college. It welcomes them to what older men have said were the best four years of their lives, the free, careless existence of the university student. But let not the Freshman imagine that this merry life has no seamy side, nothing serious to it. That would be as great a mistake as to think that the whole duty of the student is the incessant, relentless pursuit of knowledge, that his days are passed in the class-room, and his nights brooding over abstruse problems in philosophy or science. The one would be as much an error as the other. But while the student takes a moderate amount of the joys of life, he must not forget that for the four years he spends at college he owes much to himself and much to his university; he must ever be ready to stand up for his Alma Mater, to second her in all her undertakings, to be her loyal and enthusiastic son. And in this connection, THE VARSITY would like to address a few words to the Freshman class. From the first year hitherto, THE VARSITY has not had that support which it has received from Sophomore, Junior and Senior. This is due probably not to any want of goodwill on the part of the new student, but we believe may be traced to quite another cause. Scarcely has the Matriculant entered the Rotunda for the first time, when he finds himself besieged by a small army of men—fellow-students they may be, but none the less strangers to him—who canvass him eagerly on behalf of as many different schemes. Most of these are worthy enough in themselves, and this is proved by the fact that our particular matriculant will be found canvassing for them himself next year. But so sudden is the onset, so numerous the demands, such strangers are the canvassers, that the Freshman is very liable to put his hands tightly in his pockets and prudently resolve that he will just hold off for a year or so, until he may find out for himself the merits of the different claims which are pressed upon his notice. The consequence is that the Freshman gives active or monetary support to very little but lectures during his first session at college.

This is, perhaps, only to be expected. But the gentlemen (or ladies), of the first year should make an exception with regard to THE "VARSITY." It wants their good wishes, as well as those of the older years. It is no more the property of the fourth year than of the first. They have representatives on the Editorial and Business Boards, and are really as much interested in the success of THE VARSITY, as the classes of '99, '00, or '01. In the inevitable movement of time, they, too, must eventually edit and manage that journal which they are now asked to subscribe for and write for.

INTER-COLLEGIATE SPORTS DAY.

THE VARSITY notices with pleasure in the McGill Outlook, a reference to the subject of an Inter-Collegiate Sports Day. Such a proposal has been already discussed informally to some extent at Toronto, and nothing, we believe, would do more to build up the good feeling already existing among McGill, Queen's, and Varsity. Like our esteemed contemporary, THE VARSITY submits the question to the Athletic Association. We feel sure that any advances made by McGill will be most warmly welcomed in Toronto.

EDITORIAL BOARD.

At a meeting of the Editorial Board, held on Tuesday afternoon, the resignations were received and accepted of Messrs. Birmingham, '99, and Little, '00. To fill these vacancies the Board unanimously elected Messrs. W. H. McNairn and A. N. W. Clare.

BACK THE RUGBY CLUB!

We are told that the students of the university never display any "combined enthusiasm" in these degenerate days. If this be true, it should be sincerely regretted, and what is more, promptly remedied; but even supposing it is only partially the case, we should remember that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and check the progress of decay ere it be too late.

There are several occasions when we may all fittingly combine to give proof of our college spirit, but none of these can ever afford more opportunity for genuine enthusiasm than a good old game of Rugby. There is something fascinating in the thunderous shock of man with man—something seen elsewhere only on the field of battle—and when you are personally interested in one-half of the competitors, the excitement is really tremendous.

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This year, a feature of THE VARSITY is to be a page devoted entirely to the interests of athletics. The Referee who has been put in charge of this department hopes to make this page extremely interesting to the subscribers of the paper, and to encourage and help our athletes and athletics at the university. One trouble in the past with this department was that lengthy accounts of matches were given, which were interesting to only a few. This year a mere summary of the scoring will be given, with short notes on the more brilliant parts of the play, the most effective players, and the reasons for success or failure. In this undertaking the Referee has had promises of assistance from some of the sporting men of the university. A secondary, though a very important aim of the Referee's, will be to encourage as many men as possible to take an active part in athletics. Far too many of our students devote themselves so assiduously to their books that they neglect to take the fresh air and exercise they need.

A great many of our athletes in Canada play not for exercise and sport, but to get on championship teams, etc. This tendency ought not to be encouraged to too great an extent, as it leads to a great deal of jealousy and ill-feeling. Every man is apt to value himself more highly than he ought to do, and is in consequence, disappointed if he fails to get the promotion that he thinks he deserves. The Referee has been, during the whole of his undergraduate course, in close touch with athletics at the university, and in his opinion, there is almost no favoritism shown in the choice of teams; but very few cases have come under his own personal observation. The most obvious case, which might be cited against this statement, is, that men have played with the third Rugby team who were fit for the second; but this is really not a case in point at all, for it has always been considered that the Junior team is not really below the second in the same way as the latter is below the first. Let us aim at this important crisis in university athletics, at purity of sport, in the fullest and best sense of the term.

RUGBY.

The attendance at Rugby practices has been absolutely unprecedented. Since practice began on the 13th of September, there have never been less than 20 men at practice. As early as the 28th, 50 men appeared on the field in uniform. Comparatively few candidates for the first team were on hand till about the 28th; since then Captain Burnside has had large working practices.

From the first the choice of the spectators fell on Boyd, Hills and Mackenzie, for the half-back line. Bcyd, who is now playing for his third season with the first, will play centre. Hills, who played last year with Upper Canada College, is a sure catch and good punt and tackle. "Alec" Mackenzie was in the university last year, but was unable to play; he got his training at Bishop Ridley College. He is quite as proficient as either of the others at kicking and tackling, and is at times quite brilliant. There are two strong candidates for the position of quarter, Valade, of Ottawa College, and Biggs. At present Biggs is the favorite for the position, as his passing seems to be more sure and ac-

curate. There are many candidates for the wing-line, but Elliott and Mackenzie are the only ones who can feel sure of their positions. Blackwood would have played with the team, but that he sprained his elbow. He will, no doubt, be out later on. Sanderson, who played centre scrimmage last year, will probably have Hall on the one side, and Gibson on the other. This makes a very light, but an extremely quick and active scrimmage. The only position left unnoticed is that of full-back. Many suggestions were made for this position, but the choice has at last fallen on Beal, who played with the Junior and Intermediate teams last year. His tackling and punting are extremely good, but he excels at catching and getting away with the ball.

Varsity, 12.	Hamilton, 1.
Varsity.	Osgoode.
Varsity, 4.	Argonaut, 1.
Varsity, II., 12.	Trinity, 3.
Varsity, III., 12.	Young Toronto, II., 1.

The above three senior games were only practice matches and were all played on the athletic field. The first game with Hamilton was the most important. Burnside played the strongest possible team he then had, and the play was clean, fast and at times brilliant. The match thus enabled one to get a good idea of the prospects for the first team. Judged by this match and those that followed, the team seems to be exceptionally strong and well balanced behind the line; while the line itself is light, but makes up for its lack of weight by speed and activity. The scrimmage seems exceptionally light, but well put together, and strong on stealing the ball.

The games with Osgoode and Argonaut were far less clean, but were both won by fast wing work, and good kicking by the halves. The fumbling of the opposing halves, combined with the following up of the Varsity wings, were in each case responsible for our success.

The Argonaut game was marked by two events. The first was the appearance of Beale, the full back of last year's Junior champions. His work at full was very satisfactory, his most conspicuous play being his hard tackle of Francis, which stopped the latter's dangerous run just in time. The second was the loss of Blackwood from the team for a time due to the

spraining of his elbow in the last play of the game.

The second team looked very strong on paper, especially behind the line, where Waldie, who, by the way, was unanimously elected captain of the team, played quarter; McArthur, Brown and McCollum were stationed at half, with Beal at full, but it was just here, however, that they were weak. Waldie played a good game at quarter, and Beal put up, with one exception, an errorless game, but with the halves fumbling, bad passing and poor kicking were the order of the day. The scrimmage, Armour, Douglas, Kay, managed to get the ball out fairly, but will need strengthening. The wing-line, Montizambert, Dakin, Fisher, Telford, Revell, Gray, Armstrong, won the game.

The game was never brilliant, and at times very loose and ragged. McCollum punted over twice for rouges, the only scores of first half. Trinity scored a rouge early in the second. Armstrong followed up a long kick by Beal, and on King's fumble secured the ball, ran and kicked. He followed up his own kick, and with Armour and Telford, got in a long dribble, and secured a try. 6—1. Another dribble by Gray resulted in another try, which Waldie converted. 12—1. Trinity secured two points on a penalty drop-kick by Parmenter.

Perhaps it would not be fair to pass over the Junior games in silence, but they must be cut short, for lack of space. In any case there would be little call for enthusiasm. They have won the round, but were badly beaten in the second game by a team in no particular stronger than they were. The team, in the first game, was very strong, and should undoubtedly have won by a larger score, but lack of team practice and a certain amount of disorganization, due to Fudger being injured early in the game account largely for the result. Armstrong Merideth, who has won a place on the first, Greg, Stratton and Harrison did the best work among the forwards. Aylesworth, Wright, Beal and Ritchie all did good work.

The men went into the second game with 13 points to the good, and played accordingly. With the wind Young Toronto scored six points, against it, six more. With the wind Varsity scored but one, which gave them the round by two points.

University of Toronto, 11. McGill University, 5.

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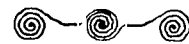
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The Rotunda.

F. C. Harper, B.A., is at Knox.

A. H. Montgomery, '98, is studying medicine this year.

Geo. Hastings has decided to take his final year at Trinity.

Miss Thomson, '00, does not intend returning to academic studies.

J. H. Faull, '98, Natural Science, is also at the Normal College.

T. Colclough, B.A., '98, is back in the library, and is also tutoring.

Mr. Mahaffy, another Varsity student, has also gone to Queen's.

W. L. King, Toronto Grad., has accepted a fellowship at Harvard.

G. W. Keith, '97, is wielding the ferrule in a High School in Essex.

F. H. Scott, grad. of '97, is taking up Ph. D. work in Natural Science.

"Walkie" Stevens, B.A., '97, is studying medicine at Ann Arbor this year.

F. J. Birchard and Geo. DeLury have gone into actuarial work in the city.

Chas. Macdonald is going into the Canada Life to engage in actuarial work.

Temple Blackwood, '00, is back again at Varsity, after an absence of several months.

N. F. Coleman showed on Convocation Day that he had the courage of his convictions.

P. H. Thom and "Nit" Johnston are taking medicine at the Western University, London.

Century Class will miss Miss R. Thornton, who has removed across the Line to Buffalo.

Mr. T. K. Scott, also of the '00 class, has gone to Queen's to take his Honor Philosophy.

Nick Hinch, '98, is the leading spirit this year at the Ontario Normal College, in Hamilton.

George Standish, despite all rumours to the contrary, wishes it to be known that he is not dead.

F. A. Cleland, '98, is another of the devotees of Natural Science who has gone on to study medicine.

Jno. M. Gunn, '98, the spring Editor of VARSITY, during '97-'98, is studying law in London this year.

"Don" Armour, '94, has been appointed Senior Demonstrator of Anatomy in University College, London, England. This is the first time the position has ever been granted to a non-London graduate.

Mr. Chas. M. Barber, formerly '00, has gone to Chicago to enter the Philosophy course.

A. C. Caldwell, who was at the University of Pennsylvania, has returned to the Dental College.

Oliver Mowat Biggar, '98, is reading law this year. He is with the firm of Du Vernet, Jones and Wood.

Mr. J. C. McLennan, Assistant Demonstrator in Physics, is taking a special postgraduate course at Oxford.

W. K. Stewart, '97, who is taking a post-graduate course at Harvard, spent his holidays at his home in this city.

John R. Bone, '99, this summer swore allegiance to the Queen, and took a commission in the 33rd Huron Battalion.

H. J. Dawson, B.A., '98, who headed his class in mathematics, has been appointed fellow in the place of Mr. Rusk.

S. H. Armstrong, '99, has, we are glad to say, almost recovered from his injury to his knee, and is back to work again.

Don. Ross, B.A., '98, is attending S.P.S., and W. F. Shepherd, '00, has dropped classics to take a livelier course at the same institution.

W. F. MacKay, '99, who is a lieutenant in the 22nd Oxford Rifles, took a month's course in Wolsely Barracks, London, this summer.

J. J. Shotwel, another grad. of '98, has brought honor to himself and his Alma Mater by his being granted a fellowship at Columbia.

The janitor has a full stock of stamped notepaper, envelopes, and post-cards for sale. Give Robert a call now, before getting in a supply.

There would not be many students fail to present themselves at the polls if they were asked to vote on the Prohibition of any further increase in fees.

"Bogus" Coyne, '00, is once more to be seen around Varsity—and after quite a long absence, too. Varsity has attractions which are hard to withstand.

S. T. Martin, '00, was persuaded by a brother of his in Montreal to attend McGill. Martin stood McGill for a week, and is now with his old associates.

G. W. Ross, '99, was off on a surveying trip during the vacation. "Billy" is said to know as much now about some parts of Hastings County as he does of the qualities of the Intermediate Rugby Team.

Charlie Garvey, '00, has become a full-fledged "drummer." He has been travelling in Southern Ontario this summer in the interests of a London firm.

We miss the presence of James Little, '00, who has remained on his mission field, near Edmonton, N.W.T. He purposes returning to college next fall.

Chas. M. Barber, a member of the century class, in its first year, has gone to Chicago to take second year philosophy. Last year he was on a mission near Edmonton.

We are sorry to hear that Miss H. Rumball, '98, has been forced to go to a warmer climate. She will spend the winter with her sister in Parkersburg, West Virginia.

S. McMordie, '99, has left Varsity and gone away to Quebec. In "Mac," Varsity has lost one of her best athletes, and one of her most unassuming ones at the same time.

Burriss Gahan, editor of THE VARSITY last year, was in town recently. He was on the Montreal Herald staff for some time this summer, but is now located in Cobourg.

If anyone wants to hear about "five longe," let him apply to A. N. Mitchell, '00. He can give full particulars as to date and place. He is said to be supplied with affidavits and witnesses.

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In last Wednesday's match with Trinity, W. S. Dakin had some ligaments in his shoulder torn, and in consequence thereof, left for home in Galt on Thursday. It is hoped he will be around in a few days.

A. H. McLeod, in going to his mission in Manitoulin this summer, struck an epidemic of mumps, measles, whooping-cough, and the grippe, all of which he escaped, except the grippe.

J. L. Biggar, '99, has been off in the wilds of North Ontario all summer. He is with a surveying party, which has worked up almost as far as James' Bay. His last letter took about a month to reach home.

As J. J. Gibson was occupying Secretary Russell's chair in the gymnasium the other day, a Freshman asked him, "Please, sir, is this where you register for the gymnasiun?" He thought Gibson's registration fees rather higher than those of the other professors.

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6.—Practical examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin.

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W. P. Roper, S.P.S., '98, is on the engineering staff of the Keotenay Power and Light Co.

"Billy" Fitzgerald's pleasant face in all its old-time roundness was visible around the campus for a few days last week.

E. Andrews, S.P.S., '97, has received the appointment of Assistant Assayer of the War Eagle mine, Rossland.

E. R. Paterson, junior tennis champion of Canada, has come up this year as a Freshman, with a scholarship and a talent for Rugby.

W. S. Dakin, '99, has returned from a trip to the land of the "Bonnie Brier Bush," with a "braw" accent even rivalling that of "Scottie" Sweaton.

G. C. Sellery, '97, who held a fellowship in Political Science at Varsity last year, has been fortunate enough to secure the appointment to one in the University of Chicago.

"Jack" Hobbs, '98, has been in town recently. "Napoleon" will be found in London this winter, and is going into business. May he have as much success there as attended him in Rugby!

E. P. Brown, '01, passed the most of the summer in Europe. "Pippin" rode up the Rhine for about four hundred miles. He spent some time in Heidelberg and other places of interest in the neighboring country. He only got back last week.

Prof. McFadyen, formerly of Glasgow University, has been inducted and ordained to the chair of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis in our college. Although only twenty-nine years of age, he has won almost a score of scholarships, and will be one of the ripest scholars in his branch of study in America.

F. G. T. Lucas, '01, spent the vacation in Indiana.

F. A. Kilbourne, '01, will pursue his studies at the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute this year.

R. E. B. Scarfe, '00, has given up his college course, and is now "drumming" for the Scarle Varnish Co.

"Davy" White, '99, Natural Science, was rusticated this summer among the "wild Indians of the Western plains," and incidentally trying to teach their papooses the A B C's.

C. M. Carson, '98, has been in town looking up old friends. He has decided to take a course in pedagogy at Hamilton, with Nick, whom we also saw removing household goods from residence, a week or so ago.

R. D. Hume, '00, has been hardening himself in the wild West this summer. He has lately been on a ranch, near Kamloops, but is expected to be back to college shortly, where he will be particularly welcomed in musical circles.

George Black, '98, has followed many another Canadian across the Line. He is now in Clarksburg College, near Jefferson City. He was one of the best-known men about Varsity last year, and his familiar figure will be much missed this session.

W. H. Greenwood, B.A., '97, who was a reporter on the staff of the World last spring, has been given the responsible position of City Editor of the same paper. "Bob" Coats, B.A., an ex-Editor of Varsity, is now also on the reporting staff of the same paper. Varsity affairs in general ought now to receive better treatment in the columns of this paper than they have hitherto received in the Toronto dailies.

Hilliard Birmingham, '99, one of our few great orators, spent part of his vacation at Southampton, on Lake Huron. "Birm." has a good collection of true fish-stories back with him. He has decided to transfer to Trinity.

H. P. Hill, '98, "Mufti," in residence, will spend this winter in Philadelphia. "Hammy's" successor "Mufti" Richardson, it is safe to predict, will wear, with dignity, the official mantle which has fallen upon his shoulders.

W. D. Love, B.A., who has been in the City of Mexico, is now book-keeper for a mining firm on some mountains in the same locality, and reports say that the change of altitude has materially improved "Cupid's" health.

The Freshmen class are not numerous, but are fairly typical of their peculiar species. Their Seniors are endeavoring in every way to make them feel at home, and in order to facilitate matters, an occasional practical joke is brought into requisition.

The latest duty imposed upon the manager of the football club is that of climbing up trees after the football when "it doesn't come down." V. E. Henderson was the first to fulfil this duty, by climbing one of the big elms, near Wycliffe, the other day. "Jack" Inkster couldn't take his valise up there.

A brother of W. A. Stratton, '99, is among Varsity III.'s new lights. Like Paterson, Stratton is a graduate of the Harbord street C. I., and bids fair to add one more to the long line of athletic celebrities for whom we are indebted to that institution. Certainly his arguments in scrimmage are decidedly weighty.

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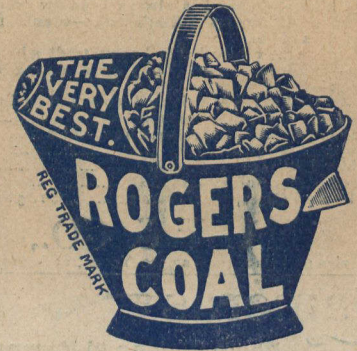
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