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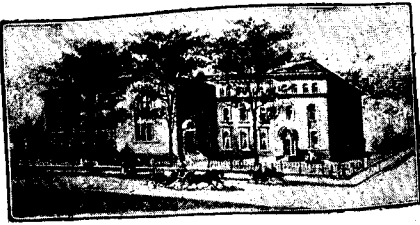
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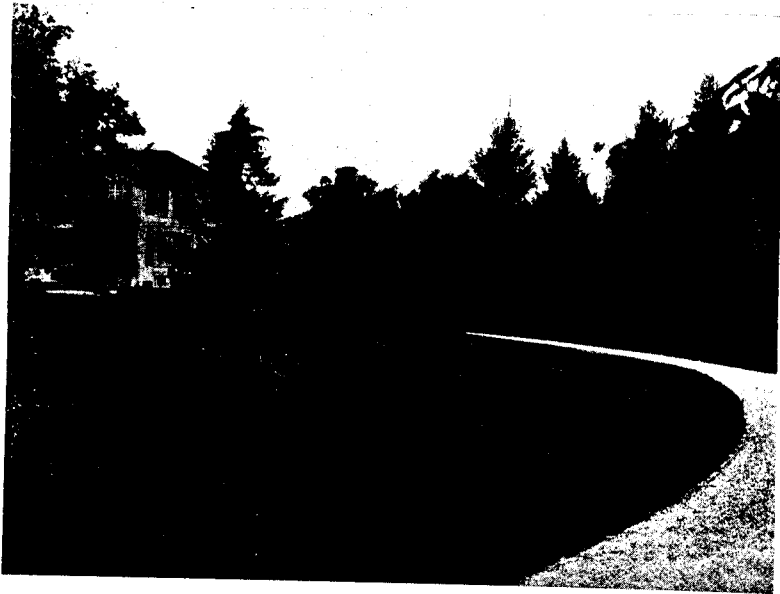
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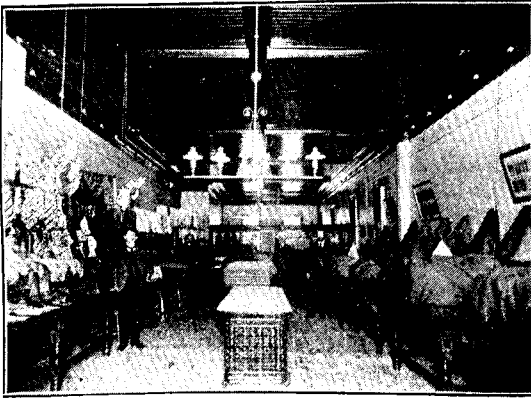


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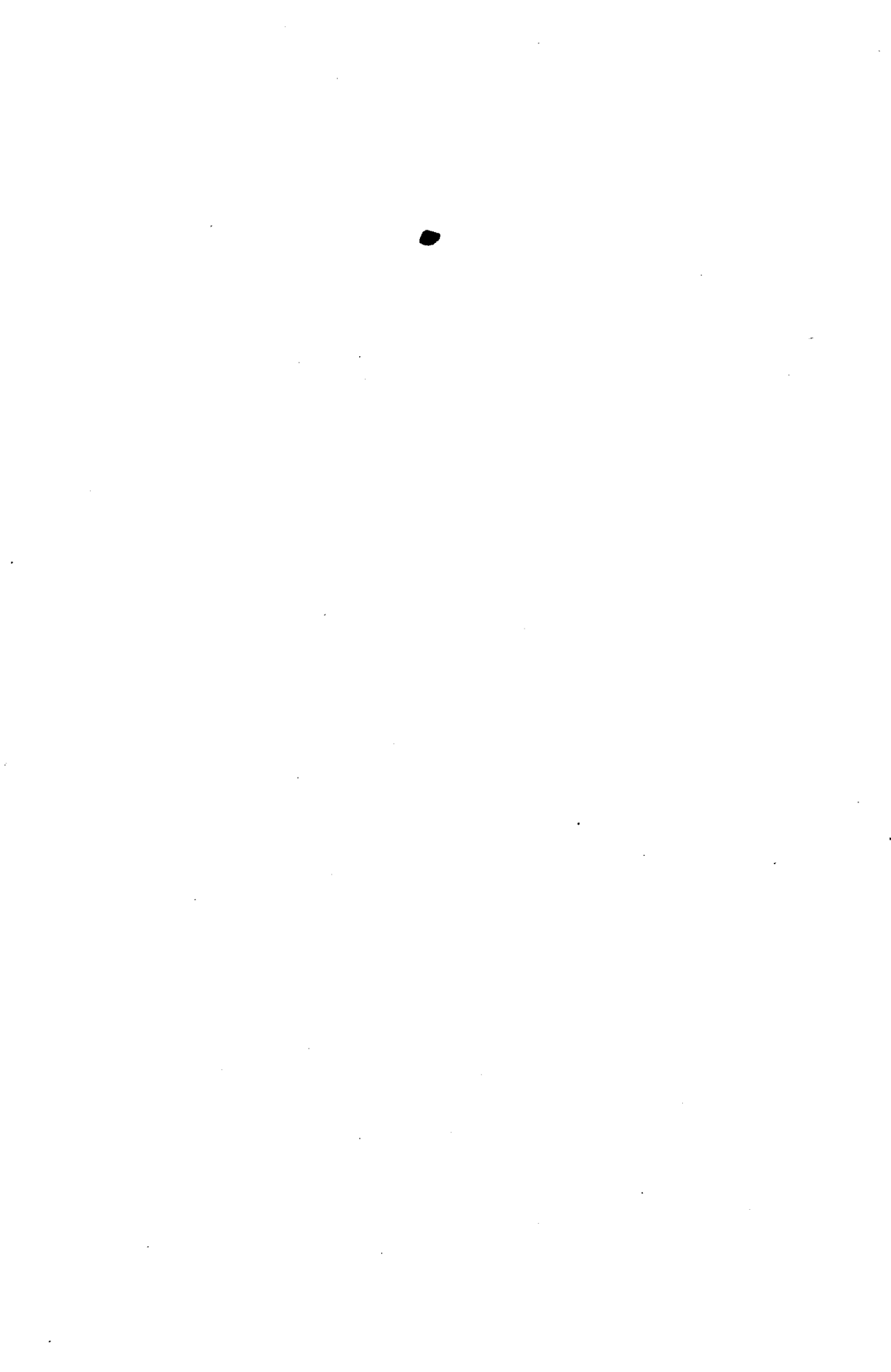
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THE NORTH WESTERN UNIVERSITY INSTALLATION CEREMONIES.

IT was with many pleasant anticipations that I went, in October last, as delegate from Queen's to be present at the installation of Dr. James as president of the great Methodist University, situated on the beautiful north-shore suburb of mammoth Chicago; and it was with very many pleasant recollections that I returned. The masterly plans, the comprehensive arrangements, the perfection in detail, and excellence of general effect shown at this superb function are worthy of all admiration.

It is becoming quite the fashion across the border to make the induction of a university president an occasion for the gathering of a host of delegates from all parts, and for ceremonies and festivities extending over several days.

Two hundred and fifty representatives began to assemble at Evanston on Saturday, Oct. 18th, from various educational institutions in the old world and the new. From Oxford and Edinburgh, New Brunswick and Texas, California and Harvard they came, and many a celebrity was there as honoured guest—Chief Justice

Holmes and Bishop Hartzell, Dr. Lorenz and Dr. Gunsaulus, and noted presidents and millionaires. For five days the football matches, processions, lunches, dinners, receptions, and mass meetings went on, and certainly the students played no unimportant part, and acquitted themselves right well. They rallied in their thousands to the matches, and enlivened the proceedings with rushes and free fights. A special day was given up to them and 2,000 were brought from Chicago to Evanston by special train in the morning. Mayor Patton met and escorted them through the city, and with banners flying, and brass bands in full blast, and emblematic devices, they paraded before the president elect and assembled delegates with a courteous greeting for Dr. James and his wife as they passed. A grand mass-meeting for the students followed, and then a free lunch awaited them at noon. A football game on the campus gave them exercise in the afternoon, and at night they masqueraded in torchlight procession through the city and concluded their day's jollification with a gigantic bonfire. In the procession came the track team wearing the official sweaters; the football, baseball and

tennis teams in their suits. The College literary societies marched, bearing illuminated creations, fearfully and wonderfully made, while the fraternities brought a sombre draped platform drawn by four black horses and bearing the traditional coffin, while masked figures in black followed in its wake. The classes were attired in picturesque costumes, and the juniors rode in glory, feeding a small boy from a milk bottle. The brilliantly illuminated automobiles of the sophomores, and the huge life-boat with its crew closed the procession, which was all ablaze with light from the torches, and coloured fires burning along the route.

Meanwhile the Evanston magnates were entertaining the delegates at their clubs to the best of their ability—and it is great—and a round of dinners, speeches, receptions and suppers kept them busy till the small hours, and a noteworthy feature of it all was that there was not a sign of intoxicating drinks or a single dance.

At a great meeting in the Methodist Church on Tuesday afternoon, Dr. replied in few words, accepting the charter and the keys of the buildings were handed to him by the leading trustee, who in a brief speech committed the University to his care. He James was installed. A copy of the charge, and pledging himself by God's help to do his best. The audience of thousands (the many coloured gowns and hoods, and the gay dresses of the ladies, making it a brilliant assemblage), stood to do him honour, and the choir sang with exquisite effect,

"The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord life up His countenance upon you," etc.

Three hours' speech-making of a very high order followed, one of the most

popular addresses being that of a student, who spoke for the whole student body. He said in part: "Mr. President, I welcome you on behalf of the students of North Western University. It is indeed a perilous privilege for an undergraduate to speak his tender mind before an audience of elders such as is this. Yet when I remember that I am the voice for 3,500 students it irons out the quivers. Young, of course we are young! We were born that way. And so, tingling with the joy of conscious energy, nimble of mind and lithe of limb, we must needs seek the field as well as the class-room in which to exercise our eager strength. In the athletic field we can outrun sin, and pace life itself. There are some among us who are unrecognized athletes; they pay for all their education by serving their time in dusky basements, beside hungry furnaces. North Western is not ashamed of her college stokers.

Now we are not holding brawn above brain, but we recognize the fact that brawn is needed in brain. We exult in high thought. We like to boast that the master minds are among our acquaintances. We poke our noses into the *Odyssey*, and inspect the *Aeneid*, we sniff through the long annals of History. Across our study table we jest with pompous Cæsar, while we even mock the seriousness of old Homer. Were he to bring his troop of heroes into Evanston to-day, we would challenge them to a game of football. We challenge everything except truth, but we do not mean to be rashly impetuous, and on our horizon we behold the man physically temperate, mentally temperate, temperate spiritually. So after the field and the forum, in the toilless hour, the sincere

soul holds chapel alone with his God. Such, Mr. President, are we, the living university that welcomes you. It was indeed an earnest cheer that went up from the students' quarters, when we learned that you were to be our chief. We put our trust in your active ability. Our wants are great, but our hopes are greater. They are higher than the old "gym" huddling on the shore, and brighter than the dingy "dorm" that tempts the cleansing rains; and we know that, confident in your leadership, the great North West will come at your call to satisfy our many needs. And last, Mr. President, we pledge you our earnest, active support. We are with you in every enterprise that shall tend to elevate our College; we are with you in spite of flapping press, and scoffing idlers. When they insult you, they insult us; our name shall be your shield, our joy of active life shall be your sword, our hope shall be your faith, our North Western your North Western, and, as long as there is a shore to old Lake Michigan, under the purple shall be found loyal sons and loving daughters."

"America," said Dr. Gunsaulus, "is sure of a *living*, she is not so sure of a *life*." Constantly at these meetings the greatest educators of the States denounced the superficial fallacy that nothing was useful in education but that which gave an immediate return in dollars. "To be at home in all lands and ages," said Dr. Hyde, of Boudoin, "to count nature as a friend, to carry the keys of the world's library in one's pocket, to gain a standard from other men's work, and from their criticism of one's own, to make friends with men in all walks of life, to learn the manners of a gentleman from one's

associates, and to gain inspiration from Christian professors, is a liberal education. Without the physical ideal man is an invalid; without the technical, an educational pauper; without the theoretical, a man given to conservatism; without the liberal, a blind man in an art gallery; without the spiritual, an outcast from his Father's house."

WALTER J. PIKE.

JANET.

MUCH has been written about the life and work of our late Principal and incidentally much has been said of the many who were his co-labourers and helpers in different spheres, but as yet hardly any mention has been made of one who filled, it is true, no public position, but who had, nevertheless, no small share in making it possible for the Principal to accomplish all he did during the later years of his life. Only once, perhaps, up to the present time has her name appeared in public print. In the *Globe* of May 12th, one of the few who were mentioned as being present at the bedside of the Principal when dying was "his faithful old servant, Janet."

It would be utterly impossible in a short sketch like this to do justice to one so rich in character as Janet. Neither time nor space would permit anything lengthy, and we will ask our readers to turn up the third chapter of Sartor Resartus where they will find a description of Teufelsdröckh's old servant, Lieschen, which will convey a very truthful impression of the subject of our sketch. Her faithful devotion to the Principal, her whole-souled interest in all that concerned him, made one think of the stories told of Scottish servants of the olden time.

In all probability, if the Principal had ever told Janet (he never did, we may remark) that they must part company, she would have asked him where he was intending to go. It was amusing to notice what a wholesome fear butchers and grocers had of bringing anything to the Principal's house that was not first-class in quality. Janet had a tongue, and the unfortunate butcher's boy who brought a roast that was not up to the proper standard took it back to his cart with a meekness and docility that he had not known he possessed.

The tremendous energy which characterized Janet's every word and action called forth the admiration of every one who watched her. In spite of her sixty-four years, she would do as much work as two ordinary women. She had a personality all her own. With a perfect knowledge of her own capabilities she combined a beautiful humility. A visitor once remarked to her: "I don't know what the Principal would do without you, Janet." She replied quite naturally, and with an amused chuckle, "Oh! he couldn't get on without me at all." She was a Presbyterian of the old school, and had her seat in the Kirk, but theological questions did not worry her. She had a fundamental belief that the Principal of Queen's and the minister of St. Andrew's knew all that there was to know of religion.

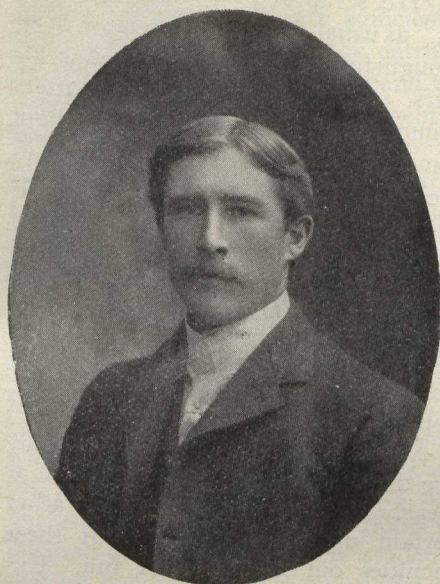
We give an anecdote which illustrates how well she knew the Principal. Last winter the Principal was accustomed to retire to bed, according to medical orders, early in the evening. One of the very rare occasions on which he broke this rule was on the night of the McGill hockey match. He waited up till eleven o'clock in case the

game should be over. Finally his conscience drove him to bed before the news arrived. He had never been known to call for anything after retiring, but on this occasion, when he heard the front door slam, he called out, "Who won?" This was reported to Janet next morning. "Well," she said, "I was wondering what made the Principal call out, and I said to myself, 'there must be a match to-night, for nothing ever excites the Principal like a match.'"

We rejoice to say that owing to the wisdom of one of our professor's wives Janet is still to be found on the staff of Queen's.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

By the time this issue of the JOURNAL is ready to make its appearance in public the Christmas vacation will be already on the wing, and the season for making the usual inviolable(?) good resolutions will be rapidly approaching. Most of the students will have left the scenes of learning and gone in quest of Christmas joys at home; while the few, who for reasons such as distance, etc., remain in the city, will be drinking deep at the fount of knowledge to make up for time spent at social functions during the earlier months of the session. The Christmas season is usually one of retrospect and reflection on the events of individual or collective interest that have transpired during the year. We feel that this subject offers a most tempting theme for an unusually touching, nay, even sentimental, homily; but we will bravely resist the temptation and content our editorial garrulity with wishing our readers, one and all, a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.



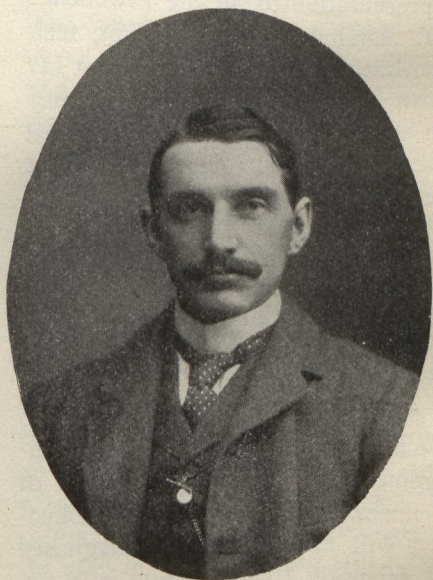
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Editorials.

THE JOURNAL extends congratulations to the new executive of the A. M. S. Medicine is especially to be congratulated on supplying so worthy a representative to fill the President's chair. Divinity Hall, no doubt, feels somewhat cast down, (we will not say thrown down), but the 'theologs' may take heart of grace, looking forward to future elections. Aesculapius must have his day. (*Vide* "Every dog," etc.) No fling at Aesculapius is intended in this remark, be it known, for the only charge that was ever brought against the god of healing was that his cures were too extensive. With a follower of Aesculapius in the chair, the society may reasonably expect to have all its ills speedily remedied. Enlargement of the head, weakness of the knees, short-sightedness, crookedness, will all be carefully diagnosed and promptly treated. And it is understood that the new president is strongly opposed to the use of patches and plasters. Congratulations, Medicine.

THE scrap of Concursus night has, as usual, drawn the attention of all thoughtful students to Concursus affairs. It seems evident that matters cannot go on much longer without some agreement between the courts of the different faculties. The courts exist in all faculties "to preserve good order and to promote that decorum and gentlemanly conduct which should characterize students of Queen's," yet the meetings of the Arts Concursus for the last few years have had quite the opposite effect. It is quite true that it is not 'Medicine' or 'Science' who are the cause of the scrap, and this is clearly recognized in Arts, but rather certain unfledged members of these faculties out in search of fun. Extremes are always dangerous, and the lengths to which matters went that evening show clearly that some agreement must be made between the courts of the different faculties.

Of course, no one for a moment would allow that these 'scraps' show an unfriendly feeling between students of the different faculties. The friendliness and good nature evident all through the melee show that it was nothing more than a little friendly rivalry. But it has taken an unfortunate time to express itself. A little scrap is a rather enjoyable thing, but seniors must see that hereafter it does not occur at a time when it will interrupt any serious business; that it keeps within bounds and does not go to the length of the wanton destruction of property. The JOURNAL has every hope that by next session an agreement will have been reached by which the courts in Medicine, Arts and Science will work together to preserve the idea which the Concursus *Iniquitatis et Virtutis* embodies, that of a

body of students who are sufficiently responsible and earnest to be entrusted with their own government and the preservation of a high ideal of gentlemanly conduct.

While we are speaking of the courts, it seems a good opportunity to mention another thing which applies to them all, that is, that if they are to hold their place as a real force in college life, they must preserve their dignity and seriousness. The *Concursus Iniquitatis et Virtutis* is never, if it is true to its traditions, a mock trial where the prisoner is a compulsory actor, but a serious indictment of a fellow student. It is a serious thing to tell one of one's own fellow students that his conduct is unbecoming that of a gentleman and to put him through the humiliation that must necessarily result. No student should ever have cause to feel that what is so serious to him is either merely fun for the other students or an opportunity to vent any personal feeling. If the *Concursus* is to preserve its influence and be a force in our college life which makes for true self-respect and gentlemanliness it must preserve its ideal of seriousness and dignity. This is one of our most distinctive institutions, one that is looked upon with pride by every true Queen's man, and one which true loyalty will keep at a high standard.

THE several year at-homes have been most enjoyable features of the college life this year, and in the new Arts building have had an academic flavour which college colours without end could never give to anything in the Whig hall. The 'home feeling' which is so necessary to an enjoyable evening comes far more quickly amid such familiar surround-

ings, and the pride every student feels in the new building makes it all the easier to play the host.

The year at-homes are fast coming to be the most prominent social features in our college year. One hears it openly expressed at times, that a conversat. is no longer necessary when students have four at-homes where they may entertain their friends, besides the Freshmen's Reception, and, some one adds, the Levana tea. There is something in this too, but yet the year at-homes and the conversat. are entirely different affairs. At the conversat. the University as a whole acts the part of hostess and throws open her doors to her friends. The at-homes are necessarily more exclusive, and merely for the purpose of allowing members of some one year to become acquainted with one another. Both are good, but the at-homes, no matter how many were held in a season, could never take the place of the conversat., and if anything is to be sacrificed it should be the at-homes.

And there is a danger of going to extremes in these affairs. It is reported that the Senate will hereafter recognize them as regular social functions of the college year, but will themselves appoint the hour for breaking up, and will insist on from three to six weeks' interval. This would likely mean that only the two senior years could hold at-homes, as the students do not care to interrupt their work with such things after Christmas. But in another year we shall perhaps see the plan in operation, and will be able to judge whether or not it is a good one. Meanwhile, with the holidays already here, it behooves us to devote ourselves more exclusively to the more serious aspects of college life.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

We acknowledge a cleverly written letter by "R.N.B.," which we feel tempted to publish, but —.

We are glad to be able to announce that the Queen's representatives in the approaching Queen's-Varsity debate have been chosen. As the preliminaries of the debate have not been arranged it would perhaps be out of place to announce the names of our men at this stage. The JOURNAL extends congratulations to the men who have been entrusted with the Queen's side of the argument, and assures them of the warm support of all their fellow-students—members of the Levana included. (The last remark is not an original inspiration.—Ed.)

Varsity has decided to grant a degree in domestic science. Nothing like encouraging home industry.

It is said that a Queen's University hockey team, playing at Pittsburg some years ago, set the pace for hockey in that city. At the present time the teams composing the Western Pennsylvania Hockey League are nearly all made up of Canadians, among them being several Kingston men. That is why a Canadian team visiting the "Smoky City" is sure to meet with a warm reception in more respects than one—it is a case of Greeks meeting Greeks.

It has been deemed advisable to devote some space in the JOURNAL to "Current Events." The matter in this section will no doubt be somewhat retrospective at times, seeing that the JOURNAL is a fortnightly publication, but a few condensed paragraphs by

way of review and commentary may not be unacceptable. The JOURNAL wishes to say, too, for the reassurance of the *Quarterly*, that the department of "Current Events" will not be so exhaustive as to impoverish the editor in that grave and reverend publication. The villainies of President Castro may be dealt with unsparingly, but there will still remain space to discuss the latest phase of the Alaskan boundary dispute; and while we may report upon Queen's share in the Rhodes scholarships, we will not presume to criticize Roosevelt's recent pronouncement upon the subject of trusts. In short, the JOURNAL purposes leaving all high academic discussions to the facile, yet trenchant, pen of the editor of "Current Events" in the *Quarterly*.

We take pleasure in acknowledging Professor Pike's article in this issue anent the installation of Dr. James as president of the North Western University, at which function Prof. Pike was the Queen's representative.

The new JOURNAL cover has elicited many admiring comments. No doubt there is something in a bright, attractive cover, but to get something worth while inside is of greater importance. And ideas, unfortunately, are not always so easily produced as colours.

As the JOURNAL goes to press we learn with deep regret of the death of Rev. Dr. MacVicar. Time does not admit of anything more than a hurried word, but we desire to say that word.

Principal MacVicar was a strong force in Canadian Presbyterianism and in Canadian education, religious and secular; and his removal from the

various spheres of usefulness in which he freely spent his strength, will be felt as a public calamity. During the past year the hand of death has fallen heavily upon the Presbyterian Church. In the early part of the year, the cause of Canadian missions was paralyzed for the moment by the death of Dr. Robertson; in May Principal Grant was called away from many labours; and now we have to record the passing of Rev. Dr. MacVicar. Queen's having recently experienced so serious a loss, can sympathize with the Presbyterian College as she in turn falters leaderless. In our next issue we hope to present our readers with an appreciative article on the late Dr. MacVicar.

PRESENTATION OF NEW ARTS BUILDING.

THOSE who were present in the new Arts building on the evening of Friday, the 5th inst., listened with deep interest to reminiscences of events that took place upon that day twenty-five years ago in connection with the installation of our late Principal into office. We venture to express the opinion that a similar gathering, years hence, will, with as much interest, hear recounted events that transpired on Friday, Dec. 5th, 1902. There have been more brilliant functions and more imposing ceremonies in the history of Queen's, but few more significant than this one.

While sorrow and retrospect could not be entirely eliminated, joy and forecast were essentially the predominant features of that evening's proceedings. It was not only the twenty-fifth anniversary of the late Principal Grant's installation, but it was also the day upon which we found a suc-

cessor to him, the Board of Trustees having, that afternoon, formally appointed Rev. Dr. Gordon, of Halifax, principal of the University. But the interesting and all-important feature of the gathering that evening was the official presentation of the new Arts building to the trustees of the University by Mayor Shaw, representing the corporation of the city of Kingston.

It is needless here to relate in detail the various steps that led up to this act. They are still fresh in the minds of most of our readers, and, in fact, a full account of it would take up more space than we have at our disposal, for we should have to give the whole history of the University. The history of Queen's and the history of Kingston during the last sixty years run very much together. Since the foundation of the University in 1841, she has maintained her place in the affections of the citizens, the interests of the University ever becoming more closely entwined with those of the city.

That this is so, is evident not only from the magnificent expression of it which graces the campus, but also from the opinions expressed in the press and on the platform of the whole country. And why should it not be so? Some of Kingston's most famous citizens were instrumental in the foundation of the University, and came nobly to her support in days of stress. Many of the city's brightest sons and daughters have been educated within her halls, and a large proportion of its professional and most successful business men claim her as their Alma Mater. Her principals and professors have brought credit and renown to this city, which prides itself on the glory reflected by its great men. It would not be true to say that Kingston has

made Queen's, or that Queen's has made Kingston, but rather that the one has contributed in a large measure to the fair name of the other.

This gift places Kingston in a decidedly unique position. True, the citizens have individually in the past been benefactors of the University, but this is the first time they have contributed as a corporation. In fact, we know of no parallel case on this continent, and the nearest approach to it is the founding of the Edinburgh University by the city council in the sixteenth century.

We cannot but be impressed with the fact that in many respects the founders of Queen's were very fortunate in their selection of a location for a university. Not only is it central, but in Kingston the interests and life of the university are not overshadowed by the widely divergent interests of a great political or commercial centre. In a small city, though no doubt out of touch with large sources of revenue of a private and public nature, the University is in close touch with the hearts and lives of all the citizens, rich and poor. In this relation a university is best adapted to perform her highest functions, and it is thus that Queen's has been enabled to become a true university, with its doors open to all classes, creeds and nations.

The presentation took place in the Mathematics lecture room of the new building. The chair was occupied by Mayor Shaw, wearing the regalia of office, and upon his right sat the Chancellor, Sir Sandford Fleming. The members of the city council also occupied seats on the platform, while the trustees and members of the Senate occupied the front seats on the floor. In the audience were many prominent

citizens, including several ex-members of the city council.

Having called upon Rev. Dr. Campbell, of Renfrew, to open with prayer, the Mayor read the following address: *Mr. Chancellor, Trustees of Queen's University, Ladies and Gentlemen:*

"I have this evening a pleasant duty to perform, and one, in the performance of which, I feel that I am highly honoured.

"When your late Principal in his own magnetic way addressed the Council and Aldermen, they felt that they should have no hesitation in submitting a By-law, as they believed that the ratepayers realized the benefit to the city of having such a great university in our midst, not only because of the educational advantages but also because we realized the fact that financially it was a great benefit to our city. With a large staff, a large class of students who were spending their money with our ratepayers, the city was greatly benefited, and while we have had these assets we find some of your students have been robbing us. They have actually come amongst us and robbed some of our citizens of their daughters, and, Mr. Chancellor, between you and me, I believe that this also has perhaps something to do with the vote in favor of the grant, as without this influx of students every year what would some of our Kingston girls do?

"I find that on October 16th this By-law was submitted and was carried by a large majority, there being more than three to one in its favor (803-258—545), thus showing that the ratepayers of this city were willing and anxious to help the great university which bears the name of Queen's. And, Mr. Chancellor, this is a name

we are all proud of, be we graduates or be we simply citizens of this good old patriotic city of Kingston.

"While only a lad I registered as a student of Queen's with one of the grand old men of the University, Professor Dupuis, and am glad to see him still on the staff. I see by the daily papers there is to be an election of officers to-morrow night in connection with the Alma Mater, and I purpose, Mr. Chancellor, being there to vote, but as the vote is by ballot you will doubtless excuse me from stating just how I will vote, as it seems to me that it would be better perhaps to split the ticket, voting part Divinity and Arts, and part Medicine, but to be frank with the boys I am inclined to vote the latter, and the only good excuse I can give for this is that for the past twenty years I have been selling and compounding goods for the use of graduates in medicine of this and other colleges.

"As Chief Magistrate of the city, I am glad that we have had no trouble with the students of Queen's. We find that Toronto has had a lot of trouble (although the students came out on top.) But here, with the example perhaps of our citizens before them, they have a good record.

You doubtless know of the lofty estimation every graduate of this university has of "his Queen's." "Well!" A school inspector in one of the adjacent counties was visiting a school, and after describing for the benefit of the class in this school, a small boy whom he once knew, as being a model, never telling a lie, never being late for school, never blotting his copy, always courteous to his teacher, he concluded by asking, "Where do you think he is

now?" With one accord they all cried out: "In heaven, sir."

"Somewhat embarrassed, he said, "No! No! not in heaven, but in Kingston attending Queen's University."

"Well, Mr. Chancellor, while I am unable to say that all your students are of this sort, I have reason to know that while with us they make good citizens and we are delighted to have them in our midst, and I but voice the sentiments of the people when I say that we wish this great University all the success it so richly deserves.

"I have now much pleasure, as representative of the ratepayers, in formally handing over this building to yourself and your Board of Trustees."

The Chancellor, who received the building in behalf of the University, replied as follows:

"On the occasion of the presentation of this building, the magnificent gift of the people of Kingston, the Board of Trustees of Queen's University desire to place on record their deep sense of the generous and enlightened liberality, which has found appropriate expression in this very practical and useful form.

"The gifts of the private citizens have at all times in the history of the University marked and stimulated her progress. The names of Carruthers, Doran, Watkins, and many others of our citizens must always be associated with the remarkable growth and development of Queen's.

"Those splendid examples of private beneficence are now followed by an act of the municipality which may be characterized as unique. In the history of education in Canada there is no similar instance. The corporation of the city of Kingston takes the first place among the municipalities of the

dominion in its distinguished regard for the mental elevation of our people; and it is with sincere gratitude that the trustees accept the gift which to-day is formally offered by the Mayor, on behalf of the whole body of citizens.

"It is with singular appropriateness, Mr. Mayor, that you have selected this day, the 5th of December, 1902, to present this building to the University, it being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the installation of our late Principal, the man who for a quarter of a century guided our destiny, and whose strenuous life was devoted to the advancement of the University and to the promotion of the cause of education in Canada.

"On behalf of the trustees, I accept this magnificent gift from the city of Kingston." Applause.

At this point the Mayor resigned the chair in favor of the Chancellor, who called upon Rev. Robt. Campbell, D.D., of Montreal, as one of those who were present at the installation of Principal Grant twenty-five years ago.

Dr. Campbell said that his memory went back to that occasion twenty-five years ago, and that while there was an element of sadness upon the present occasion, it was not the keynote, and the voice of Principal Grant, if it could be heard on this occasion would forbid a melancholy tone.

He had a recollection of Dr. Grant's eulogium upon the late Rev. D.J. Macdonnell—that his life was so full, so rounded, so complete that sorrow was out of place; that sorrow should give way to thankfulness that he had lived. So Principal Grant's life was full, and therefore we are forbidden to sorrow. We should rather thank God that he

had been. The Chancellor preceding Sir Sandford Fleming was present that evening, as was also that grand old Nestor, Dr. Williamson, and with him another, dear to all—warm-hearted Professor MacKerras. He himself was there, and spoke of Dr. Grant as "king of men," and never since had he had occasion to withdraw that opinion. Others that evening made optimistic forecasts but none dreamed then of the magnificent buildings that at the present moment grace the campus. We are happy in memory of what occurred twenty-five years ago, and happy that we have found a principal. He, too, was present twenty-five years ago and made happy remarks. In concluding he said he was sure that the action of the trustees in appointing Dr. Gordon would be justified in the years to come and looked back upon with as much satisfaction as the action of twenty-five years ago.

Mr. E. B. Rathbun, of Deseronto, one of the trustees, being called upon, spoke briefly. Addressing the Mayor, he said he appreciated the spirit of enterprise and progress of the citizens of Kingston. He had remarked with what keen interest the whole Bay of Quinte district had followed the vote on the by-law. He felt proud that Kingston had set so good an example to all the smaller municipalities. He hoped that the young ladies of the Bay of Quinte district might also prove an attraction to the young men of Queen's, even as the daughters of Kingston. As a trustee of Queen's he felt pleasure in being present. He wished to extend his best wishes to the new principal, and wished he could speak with proper force in expressing his appreciation of the

act of the city of Kingston. He only hoped that other municipalities would follow her example.

The proceedings were brought to a close with a prayer by the chaplain for the evening, Dr. Campbell, after which all were invited to inspect the building. Excellent music was provided by the band and orchestra of the 14th regt.

Ladies' Department.

DANTE.

MUCH as we should like to give in full the excellent and instructive address on Dante, given at the Levana Society by its Honorary President, Miss Lois Saunders, space will not permit us. The subject was treated in such a realistic, comprehensive, and yet concise manner, that one feels that it is quite impossible to give a just report of it here.

Dante was born in May, 1265, of an honourable, perhaps noble family, of Florence, which was at that time one of the most flourishing and popular cities of Europe, disturbed, however, like most cities of Italy, with turbulent party factions. Born in such an atmosphere, it is little wonder we find that at the age of thirty-five, Dante has drifted hopelessly into the tangle of political disorder in which the country was then enveloped. But we must not forget that long before the storms of political life had caused Dante to wander away from the light, and for a time, lose his hold on heavenly things, the greater and stronger motive power of his life, his love for Beatrice, had entered his soul, and influenced him too deeply to be forever lost. Hence, we find, that after years of strife and trouble of soul, he fought his way back to a consciousness of his

place in his country, and to a freedom of spirit; and it was then, when his studies in philosophy were taking definite shape, that he again found in the idealized and glorified image of Beatrice, the inspiration he needed.

But long and bitter years were yet before him. For nineteen years he was banished from his dearly loved Florence—nineteen years, which saw one hope after another of salvation for his country dashed to the ground, as he thought he recognized in some famous warrior or sovereign, the expected deliverer of Italy, and time after time, found his expectation vain. He never saw Florence again. His exile ended only with his death in 1321.

To these bitter years which tried his brave heart to the utmost, we owe the "Divina Comedia," the noblest work ever written, a work which to-day is as vivid and real, as full of grandeur and truth, as full of beauty and pathos, as it was six hundred years ago. Into it Dante put his very soul. The dreadful scenes were true and living to him. They had left their traces on his worn and melancholy face; said the people as they looked at him, "This is the man who has been in hell." How strong must have been his faith who could believe through all in the love of God, could believe that love had formed even that place of punishment.

With the help of charts, Miss Saunders gave the girls a very clear idea of the construction of Dante's universe; the lower hemisphere, save for the Mount of Purgatory, nothing but a wild waste of waters; in the centre of the habitable earth, Jerusalem, where Lucifer fell, displacing huge masses of earth, which, forced before him, rose up on the other side of the earth as the Mount of Purgatory. The

vast chasm left behind him became the Pit of Hell. Here the impenitent wicked are punished by suffering suited to their crimes, while on the Mount of Purgatory those sinners who died repentant, suffer the purifying punishment what prepares them for their entrance to the earthly Paradise at the top of the Mount, which forms the ante-chamber of Paradise. Through these realms Dante was permitted to wander. The dark wood, in which he found himself; the sunlit mount, on the slope of which he found himself opposed by three wild beasts, all, being interpreted, speak of Dante's own political struggles. In this realm Dante meets Virgil (Human Science) who declares himself to be sent by the intervention of Beatrice (Theological Science), by the mouth of Lucia (Enlightening Grace), to bring him back to the light and virtue from which he had wandered. Together they enter the ante-chamber of Hell, and Dante is led down, through all the different circles, where peoples are enduring dreadful tortures for their sins. Finally they descend a chasm on the back of a monster, where the fraudulent and traitors are punished.

Now, with infinite labor, Dante and his companion climb down, clinging to the monster, turning as they pass the centre of the earth, and shortly after emerge, black with smoke, and pale with agony of mind, to behold once more the stars and to breathe again the pure air. Here is the Mount of Purgatory. Here it is calm and peaceful. This, though a place of suffering, is not one of unhappiness. Dante is led through all the circles of Purgatory to the summit, where they enter the earthly Paradise. Here Virgil leaves him and Beatrice arrives in

a car of splendid glory. She descends, and approaching Dante, veiled, reproaches him bitterly with having wandered from the right way, and after deep contrition on his part, he is forgiven, and plunged first into the river of Lethe, or Forgetfulness; and then into the river of Ennoe, or Happy Memory. Beatrice now consents to unveil and to smile on her follower. She conducts Dante to Paradise proper, where for a brief space he is permitted to gaze on the Trinity and the infinite Glory which surrounds him.

Such is the interpretation of life given us by Dante, as it came to him from the depths of his own experience.

The thanks of the Levana are specially due Miss Saunders for this excellent paper, as the girls realize that only her interest in them induced her to appear at a meeting of this kind.

Queen's will not lose her girl students this year, for who among them will abandon her course now that she knows it is not unfitting her for home life? All this is the outcome of an interesting debate in the Levana meeting of November 26th, upon the subject, 'Resolved that college life does not unfit a girl for home life.' As this is a subject of vital interest to all college girls, the meeting was large and very enthusiastic, the speakers being frequently interrupted by bursts of applause. The affirmative was taken by Misses Asselstine and Duff, while Misses Foriari and Elder spoke for the negative. It would be impossible to give all the points on either side; let it suffice to mention that the affirmative analyzed home life and the modern system of co-education, while the negative quoted many statistics to show that the majority of col-

lege women were unfitted for home life, either through ill-health or altered aims and ambitions. The medical statistics in particular created much amusement, but one could hear a general sigh of relief when it was learned that they were not of a very recent date.

While the judges, Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. Dyde and Miss Saunders were coming to a decision, the audience listened to an inspiring prophecy by Miss Buchanan, the Levana prophetess. She exhibited true prophetic gifts, and was loudly applauded by the girls, who seemed cheered by the bright prospects before them. A few songs filled up the intervening minutes until the judges reappeared and Mrs. Shortt gave their decision in favour of the affirmative. This side had scored largely on the subject matter, but the negative had been superior in style and arrangement. This decision met with general approval, and after the close of the meeting, the speakers were warmly congratulated for having practically demonstrated the fact that college girls can debate as well as attend classes and write essays.

LEVANA TEA.

The angels of the old Arts building who, in their haunts above the noise and tumult of halls and class-rooms, were wont to entertain their friends on an occasion of annual jollification, descended this year to the deepest depths. In the lowest flat of a strange new dwelling, in a room whose sanctity had been encroached upon by the frequency of manly forms and daily papers, whose walls were as yet forbiddingly fresh-plastered, and whose pillars and arches lent themselves in strange unbending acquiescence to

their drapings of bunting—in quarters such as these the devotees of the goddess Levana held their annual tea.

It was splendidly patronized. The money-changers at the door beamed with satisfaction as the ten cent pieces clinked in their box. They noted with pride the freshmen who dropped in a quarter with careless grace—are the days of chivarly quite forgotten?

Just inside the portal stood the fair president, Miss Bryson, in cap and gown, "queen rose of the rosebud garden of girls." By her side, and helping her in the reception of visitors stood the honorary president, Miss Saunders, the friend of the girl students in the best sense of the word. The guests passed in, shook hands and formed into little groups, chatting and drinking coffee—coffee brought to them with much difficulty by the smiling college girl who, tray in hand, struggled valiantly through the solid phalanxes of shy but good-natured freshmen, who would generously push their friends over to clear her path.

And the Professors and their wives turned out in goodly number to help the cause along. And the city ladies came and brought their husbands to see the new building. What afternoon tea is less distasteful to the sterner sex than the famous Levana "at-home"? And the students came in large numbers, following the ancient tradition. And the candidates for A.M.S. honors bethought them of the fine occasion afforded for a little personal canvass. And they came and purchased liberally of sweets and proffered them generously to their girl friends, as a preface to more revelant remarks.

The hum of voices, the clinking of cups and saucers, the laughing groups of visitors, the bright warm draping

of college colours, and the pretty candy tables in blue, red and yellow—this was the general impression left by the Levana tea. And though some may associate it more particularly with an over-indulgence in taffy, or an endless series of introductions, or a constant endeavor to talk agreeably, we hope that in no case the impression retained will be sufficiently unpleasant to justify an absentee when next the Levana society entertains its friends.

Y. W. C. A.

During the past few weeks the Y. W.C.A. has been as interesting as ever. The meetings have not been as well attended since we moved into our new room, which perhaps is not so inviting with its dire confusion of pictures, dish-pans and tea-kettles, as our old familiar one.

We have had several union meetings with the Y. M. C. A., which were enjoyed very much by all. In addition, the papers given by the girls were listened to with great attention. At one meeting Miss McGregor gave us some information, interesting and instructive, about missionary work in India. Last Friday the girls appreciated very deeply a paper read by Miss Williams on "Christ's Solution of Doubt." The paper was well written, showing a sincere sympathy with the subject and leaving a deep impression on all the listeners. It showed that the girls of Queen's can take a broad and enlightened view of theological as well as secular questions.

ALMA MATER.

THE annual meeting of the A.M.S. was held on Sat. evening, Dec. 13th, and the members sat from half past seven until eleven before the large

docket of business was disposed of. A few changes were made in the constitution so as to allow for several polling booths at future elections, if such are found necessary. The annual reports were given, and as they gave entire satisfaction, were unanimously adopted. There is more money at present in the treasury than there has been for years past. In course of time the annual meeting was adjourned, and the regular meeting began.

The election of rugby football officers for next year was perhaps the most interesting item on the programme. M. E. Branscombe was unanimously chosen captain, A. E. Mahood chaplain of the second team, W. Pannell vice-president, and F. Nicolle asst.-secretary. For the offices of president and secretary, however, it was necessary to ballot, and the society elected G. B. McLennan and S. Squires to fill these positions.

While the ballots were being counted an enthusiastic 'Medical,' who had been on his feet half-a-dozen times when out of order, found an opportunity to read a resolution, the effect of which was to censure the Arts men who dealt somewhat unceremoniously with some intruders at the last meeting of the Arts Concurus. Much to the disappointment of those who wished a little entertainment, the resolution was ruled out of order.

The first issue of the JOURNAL, in the form of a Memorial Number to the late Principal Grant, has called forth many appreciative and complimentary remarks. Should any of our readers desire additional copies they may be had from the Business Manager, as there are quite a few still on hand.

Arts.

ELECTIONS of any kind are always interesting, and particularly so were the Alma Mater elections this year. This was due, no doubt, in the first place to the fact that there were two candidates in the field for the presidency, and in the second place to the fact that all the other candidates for office were men who were worthy of support. And it may be said here that the different committees whose duty it was to bring out candidates are to be congratulated on the choice which they made, and it may further be said without casting the least reflection on those who were elected to carry on the duties of the Alma Mater, that in nearly every case, if not in all cases, if the respective opponents of the "chosen few" had been elected, they would have discharged their duties in a manner creditable to themselves and to their Alma Mater. And while the student body are indebted to those whose task it now is to conduct the business of the A. M. S., they are also indebted to those who spent their time and energies in a strong candidacy for the various offices.

The elected candidates are as follows:

- Hon. President—Dr. Gordon.
- President—Hugh Laidlaw, B.A.
- 1st Vice-Pres.—B. O. Strachan.
- 2nd Vice-Pres.—E. L. Goodwill.
- Secretary—G. A. Brown.
- Asst. Secy.—R. K. Paterson.
- Treasurer—J. V. Dillabough.
- Committee—E. A. Collins, A. C. Spooner, B.A., Jas. Fairlie, J. M. Macdonnell.

The most generous wish we can express is that the officers for the ensu-

ing year will discharge their duties as well and as faithfully as the retiring officers have done.

There are two classes of universities, viz.: the university of masters and the university of students. In the former the students are governed by the faculty, while in the latter they are self-governing. Queen's distinctly belongs to the second class, in which fact we take great pride. It is an almost unheard of thing for a student to be summoned to appear before the Senate to answer for any misdemeanor within the college precincts. Such an offender is responsible to the students themselves. His offence is against them as much as against the Senate and trustees, and to them he must first answer for his fault. Vulgarity, coarseness, rudeness, and general 'bumptiousness' are thus suppressed. Freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors are alike arraignable before the court. The ever open eye of the Concursus has a most wholesome effect on the conduct and general decorum of the student body. Being invisible it stimulates constant self-control. It seeks not to make itself dreaded, but respected. Its officers wear no badge to terrify offenders, nor is it any part of their duty to pry about, detective-like, to stealthily pounce upon the unwary freshman at his clever trick. They deal with students not as culprits but as men who have been at fault. The court is not a hazing machine. Such a practice is unknown at Queen's. It is simply an organization for preserving a high standard of conduct and self-respect throughout the student body.

Of late years the court has been losing much of its old-time power. The

burlesque element has been given prominence, much to the detriment of judicial dignity. This is a defect for which the Grand Jury is mainly responsible. They may make the court a "howling farce" or a calm, dignified and powerful force in college life.

The cases brought before the court in former years were, for the most part, of a very trivial character. Quite grave offences were hushed up and dropped, simply because exposure would have been serious. Why should we screen a fellow student and regard his feelings to such an extent when he shows so little regard for the rights and feelings of others? Let the court be fearless in its work and increase its usefulness by putting forth a stern, strong hand, when needed. Public exposure is sufficient punishment for a student who has a spark of self-respect or manhood left to crimson his cheek with the hot blush of shame. Harsher measures need not be resorted to, if the court itself preserves a proper decorum.

Since the above article was written, a meeting of the *Concursus* has been held, and the hope then expressed that the court might be restored to its former dignity, (not that of the last few years), has been in a large measure fulfilled, and it seems to be the unanimous opinion of the student body, with the exception perhaps of the offenders themselves and a few of their supporters, that the Grand Jury in bringing forward the cases which they did, acted with good judgment and discretion; and furthermore, those who listened to the proceedings of the court are highly delighted with the orderly manner in which it was conducted. With Chief Justice E. L. Goodwill at the helm, everything was bound to be done

in a proper manner. Apart, of course, from the serious aspect of the court, which in these times of burlesque courts is, unfortunately, usually overlooked, it is far from our purpose to minimize the onlooker were he asked for his opinion could he a tale unfold whose highest word would harrow up the soul; if he be no philosopher, he may become one, and if he *be* a philosopher he will be one still if he be in any sense a jurist he will go away a wiser man; if he be a disciple of the hoary past he will see a veritable Sulpicius or a Cicero before him and *Mur-ena* holding freedom and liberty in one side of the scales, and convention and ostracism in the other; if he be some dyspeptic moral critic, he will not have had any convolutions added to his brain by an over-absorption of useful ideas; while if he happen to be a representative from either of those faculties which combined with Arts make a triune whole, he will probably lament on the bitterness of fate and the unsatisfactory results of the "cold water" and the "open air" treatment which they say is all very well in theory, but should never be put into actual practice. But what has this to do with the court "scrap?" Nothing at all; and those who read this for the purpose of reviewing what took place will be sorely disappointed. It is not the intention of the court to create a little so-called fun for those whose better sense should call them some where else, but when a number of freshmen, whose sense of the fitness of things does not run very high, yes, and a few seniors also, for whom years do not seem to have brought much wisdom, and to whom might be not improperly applied that appellation which all outside of Greece once held would be no misnomer—when such people so

far forget themselves as to bring disgrace upon their own heads as well as upon their own faculties, then it is necessary to discountenance such actions and look with approval on any rational attempt to subdue such misdemeanor. But we do not intend to sermonize further on this subject, as we feel that we have already gone beyond our limits. On the whole this little prelude to the Arts Coucursus was not a bad thing. It is true that some damage was done, but those who were the cause of this will, no doubt, show their manliness by a prompt settlement.

'06 AT-HOME.

The freshmen and freshettes' first attempt at entertaining is over, and all who enjoyed the pleasure of attending '06 "at-home" join in congratulating them on their success. The guests were received by Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. Jordan, who extended a gracious welcome to all. About two hundred and fifty guests were present and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. The decorations were not profuse, but were in exceedingly good taste. Refreshments were served in the Philosophy room, and we need hardly mention that it had many visitors during the evening. Perhaps the best word we can say for this "at-home" is that we all look forward with pleasant expectations to future entertainment at the hands of '06.

THE '05 AT-HOME.

The year '05 in Arts and Science had the honor of leading off with the first social function in the new Arts building, the occasion being their annual "at-home."

The verdict of all was that the sophomores had not only sustained their reputation as entertainers, which they had won as freshmen, but covered themselves with additional glory. The decorations were not numerous, but were tastefully arranged, giving the rooms a cozy, home-like appearance. Two orchestras furnished the music, one in the reading room for dancing, another on the second floor for those who wished to promenade, while there were games, views, and cozy corners to give variety to the entertainment. During the course of the evening the lights went out on the second floor—some said it was but a joke, others that the fuse had burned out, but on careful investigation it was found that the wire had been deliberately cut, as it was not then protected as it is now, by a glass door. The occurrence was very much regretted by the committee, to whom great credit is due, for working so faithfully to give what those, who had grown old at "at-homes," pronounced one of the best they had ever attended.

DISGRACEFUL CONDUCT.

Queen's has always been and is noted for the honor she has sustained along both educational and social lines, but on the evening of Nov. 28th, on the occasion of the '05 "at-home," occurrences of such a nature took place as are degrading to those who took part in such ungentlemanly conduct, both by entering the "at-home" without permission or invitation, between the hours of eleven and twelve, and also the disorderly conduct on the part of some members of another faculty, who created a disagreeable disturbance outside and destroyed college property.

'03 AT-HOME.

On Friday evening, Dec. 12th, the senior year in Arts held their annual "at-home," and to say that it was a success is to speak of it in very mild terms indeed. In giving an account of these annual functions, a reporter in most cases says that there was a jolly good time; the decorations were tastefully arranged, the programme was suitable to the occasion, the refreshments were enjoyed by all; and when the hour came to break up, everyone wished that the programme was just commencing, or at least, that it was not over. And while all this is true of the "at-home" given by '03, yet it is not the whole truth; for this social function possessed a feature which distinguished it from others, and one which is likely to find favor in future gatherings of this kind. We refer to the nature of the programme, which consisted not only of dances and promenades as usual, but of games and a musical entertainment. For the success of this latter part which was somewhat of a venture, the ladies of the year are deserving of special congratulations, and if we might venture to single out one name from among them we would mention that of Miss Clark to whose untiring energies the success of this part of the programme was in a large measure due. If we might judge from the number of those who took part in the games and acted as an audience while the musical programme was going on, we might say that the devotees of their beloved goddess Terpsichore, much as they, no doubt, enjoyed themselves, did not have a better time than did these. Ping-pong had many admirers, and so did the cushioned seats on the stairway. We might even venture to continue

this chain of admiration and say also had the ladies, but we need not add another link. It would hardly be fair, however, to close our remarks without making mention of the patronesses, Mrs. Shortt, Mrs. Gill and Mrs. Borgart, who received the guests and added so much to the pleasure of the evening. When the programme was finished at one o'clock, or to speak with greater accuracy, when the "at-home" was over, all who were present were loud in their praises of the enjoyable evening they had spent. The only shadow, they said, which was cast upon the "at-home" was when the lights went out.

Y. M. C. A.

THE address at the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Friday, Dec. 12th, was given by Logie Macdonnell, B.A. The subject was, "What opportunities has a foreign missionary for self-realization?" The leader mentioned some of the essentials for any man's self-realization, and endeavoured to show some reasons why more people should undertake work in the foreign field. He dealt with the difficulties in the way, such as the apparent stupendousness of the task and the difference in ideas between ourselves and most foreign peoples, comparing these difficulties with those which existed in Paul's time.

A number took part in the discussion and thus rendered the meeting very interesting. To have different points of view generally gives more life to a discussion, and our most interesting meetings have been those in which a large number took part. When the leader wishes to hear discussion he must bear in mind that it

is necessary for his own address to be brief.

At the preceding weekly meeting Mr. McQuarrie spoke on the subject, "Reverence." The following is a brief synopsis of his address:

"Reverence is not a mean or slavish terror or alarm, but is the respect which a good son affords a good parent in recognition of superior mental and moral qualities. As reverence to a great man elevates, much more must the reverence to God ennoble the human character, as it implies the study of God's character as manifested in His ways and works. In this study and in the revelation of God in Christ we are to some extent able to find a solution for life's mysteries and to realize "the one far-off divine event, to which the whole creation moves." In this realization we are elevated, we are ennobled, we are made reverent.

Medicine.

ALMA MATER SOCIETY ELECTIONS.

"All day long on the frozen street
Sounded the click of the horses'
feet."

ONCE more the thunder of horses' hoofs, the clash of arms (and tongues), have come and gone, and once more the Alma Mater elections are a thing of the past. With what hopes and fears the competitors donned their armor and entered the arena, and with what beating hearts they stood shoulder to shoulder when the fray was over when our brave chieftain "Wallace" stepped forward to announce the names of the victorious and the vanquished, is all familiar now.

At the news that Mr. J. Hugh Laidlaw had captured the presidency, a mighty shout rent the air. "Pa" ding-

ed in his hat and did a war dance that would have brought down the house—stone by stone—had not the other Meds. been intent on higher game. With a wild rush, "Hughie" passed through the air, borne on the shoulders of his friends, and as nature had not been profuse in lavishing length of limb on him, a table was quickly added to supply the deficiency. At this point in the proceedings "Pa" intimated, by wealth of gesture and any amount of voice, that "three cheers" would be opportune, and this was responded to so heartily that the building rang again—if it had rung a third time we'd have let it in.

In a few well-chosen words Hugh expressed his appreciation of the honor that had been bestowed upon him, but even in the hour of triumph he felt there was always a tinge of regret for the one who had fallen; he commented on the good feeling that had always existed between himself and his opponent and which he felt sure the recent struggle had not diminished; he concluded by thanking all those who had in any way assisted in his election, and assuring them that he would always have not only the interests of the Medical students at heart, but the interest of all the students of Queen's.

The opposing candidate was next called upon, and on assuming the platform—which he did with as much grace as if it were merely a pulpit—was greeted with a warm reception. In a few brief remarks he expressed his thanks to those who had so kindly supported him. He felt that it was no disgrace to be defeated by such a worthy opponent, and concluded by declaring his intention to still do all in his power to further the interests of his Alma Mater, thus showing that

he possessed the true college spirit which every student of Queen's should have.

Perhaps there was one mitigating feature in his defeat, and that was that the ladies—God bless their tender hearts!—were with him at the finish.

Each of the other candidates for the various offices delivered himself of a superabundance of political phrases eminently suited to the occasion, and hastened with trembling knees back to his homely den. We congratulate the committee, appointed by the several years in Medicine, on the thoroughness and efficiency of their work throughout the campaign. Mr. Laidlaw as president, Mr. Spooner as committeeman, and Mr. Patterson as assistant secretary of the A.M.S., ought certainly to be well qualified to look after the interests of Medicine for the coming year.

It is quite evident that the college spirit which has ever been characteristic of Queen's is not on the wane, when this year the greatest number of votes ever recorded in the history of the A.M.S. was polled. This is as it should be; and let us hope that with our increased growth the spirit of friendship towards our fellow students will grow in proportion and our interest in our Alma Mater never grow cold!

THE MEDICAL COURT.

Year by year, step by step, slowly but surely, the Medical court has travelled down the road to destruction until now it has fallen into that degenerate state from which its best friends shrink away with a feeling akin to abhorrence. This has not been by any means a sudden fall, but a slow process, whose commencement dates back

several years—in fact, the court has simply followed the law of degeneration, that that which has ceased to be of use shall wither and die. It is a judgment for past misdoings and just what might have been expected—its most sanguine friends could not have hoped for aught else. But even a gangrenous limb may fall slowly, and during its stay harass the owner until life becomes almost unendurable—in such a position is the Aesculapian society placed with this monster of iniquity on its hands.

For years back our so-called "court" has been holding trials—what hollow mockeries they have been!—and dealing out filth and injustice with a lavish hand. Heinous offences are winked at or passed over with a paltry 'fine,' while some self-convicted criminals are told by the presiding judge(?) that they are "Not guilty!!"

In the face of deeds like this, is it any wonder that the blush of shame should rise to our brow or that our righteous indignation should reach the boiling point? Juniors, seeing such injustice dealt out by those who are supposed to be just and fair, are prone to look with disrespect on their seniors—nor is it to be wondered at—and are quick to learn like faults and vices with which to contaminate future generations of students.

Let us hope that the members of the year '04 will profit by the mistakes of their predecessors and elect a 'court' which will be an honor to themselves and a benefit to all Medical students of Queen's.

The election of delegates for the various dinners is over, and now that the busy canvasser is at rest we have time to sit down and quietly think

over the question as to whether or not our system of choosing the delegates is a good one. This year the members of the senior year have nominated two of their number, and one of these has been selected by a vote of all the students. In this way every student has a vote as to who shall be sent away as our representative. The outcome has been that immediately upon being placed in the field, sometimes even before the nomination took place, the two candidates commenced to solicit votes from all the members of the Aesculapian society, particularly those of the first and second years. Thus a man's election has depended, not so much upon his fitness for the position as upon his energy and skill as a canvasser, or upon the work done for him by his friends. Now, the freshmen or those of the second year know little or nothing about the men of the senior year and consequently are not competent judges as to which one is the best for and most deserving of the position. Why then should they have a vote on this matter? As a rule, they vote blindly, promising their support to the one who asks them first. Would it not be a wiser and better plan if the senior year men alone would pick the delegate? They know each other better than anyone else can, for have they not been together for four years? and therefore it is they who should decide which of their fellows is the most capable to represent them. We throw this out as a suggestion to those who shall follow us, and we hope that in the best interests of the college they will consider the matter.

NOTES.

Rather a hard throw down after the way the Med. aided the Levana tea.

The freshmen set an example which it would be well for all to imitate; only one '06 man who did not vote.

On Dec. 6th, in the City Hall, the "Sign of the Cross," was played. The company was strong, the cast numbering 571.

Some time ago a thoughtless Medical, in a fit of abstraction, appropriated, for scientific purposes, a pet cat owned by one of the lady students. Who knows what votes were lost by such an act?

The patient with visceroptosis, was overheard the other evening singing: "Oh, where is my 'wandering spleen' to-night;"

D. A. Kearns, W. W. McKinley and J. A. Graham, were our delegates to McGill, Trinity and Varsity Medical dinners, respectively.

It is not without a feeling of trepidation that the new representative from Medicine assumes the quill which Mr. Laidlaw has wielded so worthily in the past numbers of this year's Journal. In attempting the duties connected with the office in question, we hope to have the kindly sympathy and hearty co-operation of those students in Medicine whose thoughts flow freely from the pen.

Science.

SCIENCE is very grateful to its many friends for the substantial evidence they gave of their sincerity at the recent Alma Mater elections. It is intensely gratifying to this small body of the great university to find

with what favor its candidates were received, particularly when the merits of the opposing candidates are considered.

The Levana Society, which has always been looked upon by the Engineering Society as a dear, *dear* sister, is particularly deserving of praise for a material demonstration of sisterly affection. Whether or not this display of affection is due to the sunny smile of our committee-man or the honeyed words of the first vice-president, or the beauty of the treasurer, is as yet undetermined, and as modesty is the besetting sin of each, the mystery is likely to remain unsolved.

The Engineering Society has the fullest confidence in these honoured members and feels sure that no Levanaite, Medical, or Arts man, will regret having supported our candidates for their respective offices.

Sometime during the month of Nov. the senior year in Science received a challenge from their illustrious rivals

of Divinity Hall, to play a game of football, and accordingly on the 25th of that month the two teams lined up on the lower campus to do mortal combat, before a large and appreciative audience of their respective supporters. Divinity had all the advantage of specific gravity and pneumatic energy, while the Science aggregation of embryo engineers were decidedly superior in resilience and accelerated momentum.

The game might well be defined as a series of "rapidly alternating movements" (?) with more or less agitation, supplied by a confused nebular mass called a scrimmage, explosions being noticeably frequent, caused, we believe, by a superfluity of hot air. When time was called it was calculated that Science had won by fifteen points, but as this result was obtained with the "slide rule," objections were raised by several members of the Divinity team, who maintained that Science had been playing sixteen automatic quick-return football mach-



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ines, being one in excess of the theoretical number required. However, the objection was gracefully withdrawn when the explanation followed that the not unnatural optical illusion was caused by the rapid movements of the aforesaid machines.

In our humble opinion the failure of the Divinity team was due, not so much to their inability to score as to the general debility of their wings, who were unable to hold anything in suspension, coupled with the fact that no member of their back division could punt more than 3.68 centimetres.

The Engineering Society has decided that Science students should have a reading room of their own where a man can enjoy a half-hour's recreation from the wear and tear of classes without having to walk over to the Arts building every time he wishes to read the news. A room in the Engineering building has been secured, which is to be fitted with all necessary apparatus, including, we hope, a few "comfortable" chairs, and the reading material to be supplied will be chosen by a committee representing the different branches of Engineering. We have heard rumors, in fact persistent rumors, of a piano that is to be installed if the permission of the faculty can be obtained, and need we say how much that piano would be appreciated by us all? If the members of the faculty could but hear the sad, sweet strains of "Spotless Town," as rendered by a rising vocalist of the senior year, they would not hesitate one moment in gratifying the request.

TAILINGS.

We are pleased to announce the engagement of Mr. S. Malone to Miss Peggie McDiarmid.

For the benefit of a junior, we might suggest that mercury is placed in the sluice boxes to catch gold.

Chorus of seniors leaving Hooligan's room, time 3 a.m.: "If I only had a dollar of my own."

Wanted: A four-horse power alarm clock with attachment for upsetting beds.—Stoney.

The representatives from Science and Medicine at the Arts' court will be able to get out in a few days; meanwhile they are convalescing quietly.

We take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Gordanier for his excellent design of a menu cover for the Engineering dinner.

Rip Van Winkle has a pleasant voice,
Deny it if you can;

He does his talking proper,

He was cut out for a whopper—

Rip Van Winkle is a charming man.

Divinity.

FROM all sides we hear talk of closer church union. This surely is a welcome note. In Australia the Presbyterian Church has drawn up a statement of doctrine as a proposed basis of union, and is submitting it to other denominations. In our own land we feel a broadness and a sympathy spreading rapidly amongst the various denominations. Already in a number of towns, societies are being formed with the aim of promoting a greater unity especially between the Methodist, Congregationalist and Presbyterian bodies. Subscription to a set of rules or to a "confession of faith" is not ne-

cessary for a spiritual unity. Methods and forms have their only value in their fitness to facilitate the operation of eternal principles. The spirit alone is eternal and unchangeable. The above-mentioned organizations could each gain strength by learning from the others; and by a more wise distribution of forces a healthier basis could be laid for the life of the greater Canada that is to be. Much of this work must fall upon university men, who are given wide points of view and taught to front the whole of life and care only for what is real. The problem of all our churches is to make Canada, both in the individual and the national life, a true servant of Jehovah unto the ends of the earth; and as this ideal becomes more and more a vital possession a closer union is bound to come.

Rev. J. S. Shortt, M.A., has been inducted at Davisburg, Alberta, some twenty five miles south of Calgary. It might be interesting to those who remember his debating skill in the famous mock parliaments to know that during the elections last summer in the N.W.T., he happened to be in an audience where the candidate made such low appeals and used such false arguments that "Jim's" indignation was aroused. He ventured to ask a question and was forced to the platform. There he made an oration that carried the house so completely with him that the candidate got only one vote in that community. The people were taken by surprise at their missionary's power, and poured congratulations upon him. It is said that a happy, far-away smile spread over "Jim's" face as he thought of other days at the mock parliament at

Queen's. We remember him as one of our ablest and most genuine men, and extend our best wishes.

Professor Stephens, of Montreal, is lecturing on elocution, and has already won the appreciation of the students who are all practising hard, in the boarding houses and even on the streets. Action and voice need much training. The general public will please not be alarmed at the strange sounds and motions of the budding orators, and they will confer a great favor if they do not too hastily communicate with Dr. Clarke, of Rockwood. Farewell, a long farewell to peace and quietness—

The halls are full of sound; to-day the theologian

Doth breathe abdominally: to-morrow fairly roars,

"Make way for liberty"; the third day come

The Meds. and Science men; and through the windows

Dark, do climb; they scale the lofty stairway,

And on the gallery high do boast in tones

That in their loudness and their pomp do put

To shame the strutting orator that seeks to split

The ears of groundlings with his howls. Then comes

The fall of water and the Flood; and under it,

Pharaoh-like, the 'Meds.' and Scientists patiently

Do plunge; and as in days of old when things

Were wet, Noah did lift the window and send

Forth the dove to find a resting place; so now

Concursus in a kindly way the window
 hoists
 And through it fly the half-drowned
 innocents;
 With fluttering hearts, which but a
 moment since
 Did crow aloud, and flap their wings
 on high,
 But now their wings are wet, and so
 they drop
 Some ten feet to the ground.
 The elocution drill hath changed:
 The solemn Theolog. doth cease to
 speak,
 But laughs aloud, stands upright,
 bends double,
 Opens wide his face, and lets it go
 again
 In laughter loud and long, at things
 that he
 Hath seen within these halls; and then
 repeats
 Farewell, a long farewell to peace and
 quietness,
 Let shouting free and laughter burst
 again,
 But breathe abdominally, and open
 wide
 Your mouth withal.

It may be doubted whether the world
 is getting better, but it is certain that
 Divinity Hall has very slight connections
 with the regions where heat is
 generated. It is rumored that the
 Divinities are resorting to the diction-
 ary and to the other faculties to find
 words that have some warmth.

From the prairie of the West we
 turn to the bleak Atlantic coast. We
 have just learned that Rev. W. A.
 Fraser, B.A., has returned to his home-
 land, Cape Breton, where he can once
 again "spoke the two talks." He was
 the poet of '98 and often stirred his

class to tears and laughter. Billy has
 the gifts of a preacher. He has
 the Celtic fire and the big kind heart,
 and will do good work. His present
 material blessings are nine hundred
 and a manse. He believes it is not
 good to be alone, so we wish him suc-
 cess and a "bonnie Highland lassie."

J. A. McSporran, B.A., one of the
 brethren of the Hall last session, spent
 the summer on the shores and waters
 of White River, New Ontario. He re-
 ports a rich and varied experience in-
 cluding several shocks to his nervous
 system, such as a short but interesting
 adventure with a grizzly (trouble is
 generally Bruin for anything that gets
 in John's way), a canoe disaster, and a
 temporary wandering in the depths of
 the forest where he had lost his way.
 When the last rose of summer began
 to shed its fragrance on the breezes
 John's tribulations were over. He
 packed his trunk, removed the last
 traces of Canadian dust from his pat-
 ent leathers, and invested in a ticket
 for Auburn, N. Y., where he entered
 the Theological seminary, took a schol-
 arship, and began to plug with such
 diligence that he has seldom been heard
 from since. At present he is enjoying
 a well-deserved rest at London, Ont.,
 preparatory to a hard term's work,
 which we feel sure will reflect credit
 not only on his own ability but also on
 the training he received at Queen's.

At the first regular meeting the fol-
 lowing officers were elected:

- Moderator—W. A. Crawford, B.A.
- Pope—T. J. S. Ferguson, B.A.
- Clerk—D. M. Solandt, B.A.
- Singing Patriarch—Logie Macdon-
 nell, B.A.

Bishops—T. C. Brown, B.A., J. A. Caldwell, B.A.

Athletic Com.—Logie Macdonnell, B.A., G. B. McLennan, B.A., T. J. S. Ferguson, B.A.

Deacons—C. C. Whiting, M.A., W. H. Hutcheson, B.A., J. H. Miller, L. Macdonnell, B.A., W. H. MacInnes, B.A., J. C. McConachie.

As these latter are chosen with a view to their special adaptation for their office, it was unanimously decided that the first three should superintend the visitation of the widows, while the orphans will fall to the care of the remaining four.

We feel deeply indebted to Professor Jordan for his talk on the late Dr. Parker, of the City Temple, London. Coming as it did from his personal knowledge of the great preacher, it was most vivid and will be lasting. Dr. Parker was a great prophet in the true sense of the word. For thirty years he preached to an audience, many of whom were thinkers from all parts of the world, and proved that the gospel was as much a need and as much a life to the intellectual man as to the mere emotional. He was a preacher free and fearless, and cared for the orthodoxy of the heart rather than for the orthodoxy of the head. Religion was not a small thing for babes but an inspiration for a man who fronts the whole of life. His keynote was to find out what is true and to live the truth.

We are sorry that such an address could not have been heard by the whole student body, and this brings us to express the strongest desire for Sunday afternoon addresses.

Now when the university is growing so rapidly, and different faculties

are not in such close contact as in earlier days, there seems a much greater need for some such unifying power. There is no better way of bringing us all to face common view points and the real problems of life; to fire us with the freedom and faith of Queen's, and to keep our minds aglow with her ideals.

The Theological faculty of Queen's is not idle. No sooner are we through reviewing Dr. Jordan's most living and timely book, "Prophetic Ideas and Ideals," than we learn that Dr. McComb's book is already in the publisher's hands, to which due reference will be made later.

It is known that the Pope has issued his Christmas edict to Santa Claus, and the hall is radiant with smiles and expectations. Next issue will make mention of some stockings.

Home Sweet Home is the song upon our lips these days, and the sincere wish is that all may have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

Athletics.

IN the fall of '98 Varsity and Queen's revived an old-time rivalry on the Association Football field. This match was arranged with the object of encouraging association football among our students and, if possible, of obtaining for Queen's admission to the inter-college association. The successive 'annual matches,' as they have come to be called, have assisted in building up our club and preparing the way for the next step. In fact, had the 'powers that be' been able to secure suitable grounds earlier, our club would no doubt have applied for membership

in the senior series of the inter-college association. It is to be hoped the executive will take the necessary steps in this direction.

The game in Toronto on Nov. 8th resulted in a victory for Varsity. The score, however, cannot be regarded as indicating the play, and Queen's team deserve credit for their work against the probable champions. The game itself must be rated as intermediate, for although there was some excellent combination play, it came, as an old Varsity player remarked, "in streaks."

Queen's team included Gibson, Scott, McEwen, Dillabough, Corkill, McKerracher, Gillespie, Warren, Millar, Sutherland, Consitt (captain). The officials were A. Kennedy, referee; R. H. Paterson, J. Kennedy, line umpires; S. H. Armstrong, goal umpire; and of these, four participated in the game of '98.

Neither team was well-balanced or fully trained, facts which account for the irregular work. Rough play and scrapping were conspicuous by their absence, and in this respect the match furnished an example of what an inter-college contest should be.

The fact that nearly all the spectators—some three hundred or more—were supporters of Varsity, reminds us once more that our club has still considerable work to do. This will, we think, be best accomplished in the inter-college association.

A SHAKESPEAREAN SNAP.

To snap, or not to snap: that is the question:

Whether 'tis better for the game to suffer

The slings and harrows of outheeling
feetlets,

Or to take arms about the elusive oval.
And by a throwing feed them? To
pass: to snap;

To push; and by a snap to say we end
The backache, and the William-goat-
like shocks

That scrim. wear hair for, 'tis a con-
summation

Devoutly to be wished. To pass, to
snap;

Dead snap: perchance heap back; ay,
there's the rub;

For by that snap what wedge and mass
may come

When we have shuffled off these scuf-
fling scamps,

Must stay our paws: there's the res-
pect

That makes us use our other guess;

Who wouldn't chuck the biff and bang
of cletes,

The knee to nose, the jabbing trinity,
The pangs of underholts, the fierce de-
lay,

The soothing, stroking slaplets, and
the spurs,

The patient trio of the other triplets
take,

When one alone might the pigskin
hurl

With a bare meat-hook? Who would
helmets wear

To grunt and sweat below unlaunde-
red suits,

But that the dread of that nice Yankee
game

Whose guards back, V's and wedges
from whose base

No uncrunched spine returns, give us
the tip

And make us rather bear the cane
and crutch

Than fly to methods that are kill-me-
quick.

Thus common sense makes Canadians
of us all;

And thus the native hue of black and
blue y'uns

Is scaled against the pale cast of stiffs;
So enterprises of great pitch and mow
down

With this regard their currents turn
awry,

And blot the name of Burnside.

—"Caelcap."

INTERCOLLEGIATE HOCKEY.

In November, 1897, at a meeting in Kingston, the Canadian Intercollegiate Football union was formed. This move was such a success in football that each year since a hockey union on similar lines has been discussed, but each year the prospect fell through mainly because the agitation was started too late in the season. This year, however, Queen's brought the matter before the other universities early in the football season. The question was informally discussed with the McGill men when they came up to play Queen's in Kingston. As they were ready to proceed, a conference was arranged for the evening after the Queen's-Varsity match in Kingston. At this conference the possibility of forming a union was thoroughly examined. McGill was ready to undertake her part, and so was Queen's. It was "up to" Varsity to say whether there should be a union or not. The Varsity representative was personally strongly in favor of the union, but as the move was likely to cause Varsity considerable financial loss it would have to be carefully considered by their hockey executive and athletic directorate, before they could decide in favor of it. The decision of these two bodies was awaited by the lovers of hockey, with considerable anxiety,

for never before had the negotiations for a union advanced so far. To the satisfaction of all their decision was for the union, and so on the fifth anniversary and at the place of birth of the Canadian Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union, the Canadian Intercollegiate Hockey Union came into being. On Saturday night, Nov. 22, Messrs. G. C. McDonald, McGill, Dr. A. B. Wright, Varsity, R. R. Carr-Harris, R.M.C., Porteous, Bishop's College, C. W. Wright, J. L. McDowall and W. A. MacInnes, Queen's, met in the B. A. hotel, and after resolving to form the Union, elected the following officers:

Hon. Pres.—Dr. C.K. Clarke, Kingston.

Pres.—W. A. MacInnes, B. A., Queen's.

Sec.-Treas.—A. B. Wright, M.D., Varsity.

Each of the other clubs will appoint one representative to this executive.

A constitution and by-laws, very similar to those of the football union were adopted; the main change being the reduction in fees to \$10.00, \$8.00 and \$5.00 for senior, intermediate and junior teams. The principal difference between the rules of competition of the football and hockey unions is in connection with the referee. There is no restriction at all placed upon the competing clubs in their choice. They can agree upon any man they wish. If, however, the clubs fail to agree, then the neutral executive officer appoints a referee from the board of referees. The rules of the game adopted take the Canadian Association rule for off-side play. The goal line between the goal posts is to be plainly marked and a goal is scored when the puck passes completely over the line.

The following schedule was drawn up for the senior games:

Jan. 16—Varsity at Queen's.

Jan. 23—Queen's at McGill.

Jan. 30—McGill at Varsity.

Feb. 6—Queen's at Varsity.

Feb. 13—McGill at Queen's.

Feb. 20—Varsity at McGill.

The intermediate teams were divided into three groups:

Group A—Varsity II, McMaster and Osgoode Hall.

Group B—Queen's II and R.M.C. I.

Group C—McGill II and Bishop's College.

The winner of each of these groups is to be determined on or before Jan. 23rd.

If Bishop's College should be winner of C, the winner of B will play a sudden death game in Montreal, Jan. 30th.

If McGill II should be winner of C they will play winner of B in Kingston, Jan. 30th, and in Montreal, Feb. 6th.

If the winner of this round should be a Kingston team they will play winner of A in Toronto, Feb. 13, and in Kingston, Feb. 20.

If the winner should be an eastern team they will play a sudden death game in Kingston, Feb. 20th.

ACTORS! ATTENTION.

"Princess Street!" yelled the conductor of the street car.

"Notable pirate," muttered a voice in the corner seat, "thou art a cut-throat and a villain, and rogue and liar are written on every lineament of thy countenance."

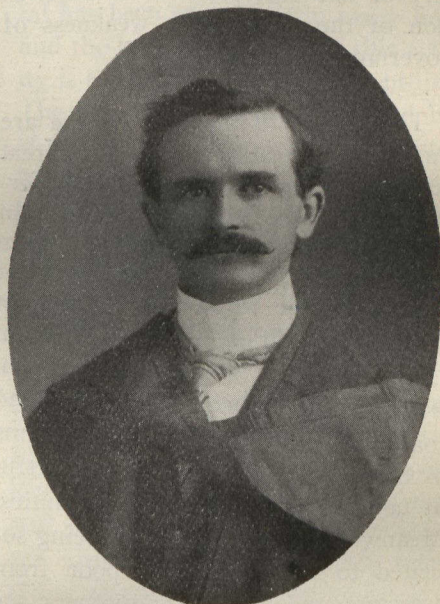
The conductor naturally remonstrated against such abuse.

"Sir," he said, "I don't see what rea-

son you have to insult a poor fellow that is merely doing his duty."

The offender started.

"Why, bless your heart!" he cried, "I didn't mean that for you. You see, I'm a member of Queen's Dramatic Club, and I was just going over my lines."



J. A. MATHESON,
Asst. Professor of Mathematics.

Current Events.

QUEEN'S may be said to enjoy a certain reflected glory in the laying of the Pacific cable. To Sir Sandford Fleming belongs the credit of having taken the initiative in this great beneficent work and of having aided materially in carrying it out. The interest of the British and Colonial governments having been secured, the work progressed prosperously until now the great cable linking Canada and the Australian continent is an accomplished fact. The Pacific cable,

in conjunction with the C.P.R. trans-continental telegraph service and the Atlantic cables, forms an Imperial bond more effective than fleets or armies. Financially, the undertaking promises to be a success in spite of pressure from private corporations. It will be interesting to follow the history of this enterprise as an illustration of the strength or weakness of government control.

The results of the coal famine are unfortunately still with us. Great suffering is reported from many American and some Canadian cities. In Canada, Winnipeg and Montreal seem to be the worst off. The pinch of scarcity in the former city arises out of the difficulties of navigation on Lake Superior in the late autumn, with the consequent failure to land coal at the lake ports; Montreal seems to have been more or less neglectful of taking advantage of opportunities. Meanwhile, subscriptions are being solicited to keep the city's poor from freezing, and pastors and others are pressed into the work of organizing charity. This may be good Christian discipline, but in all such cases a juster method would be to make relief work the duty of the corporation. This may look like a sociological heresy, savouring of the corruptions of republican days in Rome, but it is tolerably certain that under such a system the modern sense of public duty would be an effectual safeguard against the development of serious abuses.

The recent coal strike brings actually home to the public mind the necessity of devising some means for protecting the community against the

suffering and loss entailed by the periodic conflicts between labour and capital. The growth of the urban population is increasing year by year the danger of such suffering and loss. Great cities are never more than a few hours on the hither side of famine; and the complete inter-relations of modern industry make it imperative that every contributing agency should be an un-failing source of supply.

The best means of rendering industrial conditions more stable and protecting the public against privation and suffering is not yet apparent. One thing, however, seems clear, namely, that the problem has its social, as well as its economic, side. Comparatively speaking, the Pennsylvania miners were not ill-paid. Their main trouble was not that they were underpaid, but that they wasted their earnings in vicious living. And with the increase of vice went a corresponding decrease in the earning power of the men. For several years past the operators have complained of a decline in individual efficiency. The miners, whether doing piece-work or working for a daily wage, showed the same inclination to loaf. Under these circumstances an increase in wages or a shortening of hours simply meant increased opportunities for the indulgence of injurious habits.

That the miners had grievances cannot be denied. On the other hand it is equally true that the operators had grievances. As usual, public sympathy was on the side of labour, aiding the strikers in their work of obstruction, and frequently encouraging them to acts of violence. This public sympathy has come to be an important factor in industrial conflicts, and strike leaders count on it in their work of

coercing capital. Public sympathy, however, may sometimes be found on the wrong side, and in such cases is largely responsible for the lawlessness and violence which usually characterize strikes.

Among the principals in the great strike, Mitchell probably stood first in generalship, originality and self-possession. He commanded a ragged regiment, and could count on nothing so much as on the fickleness and uncertainty of his followers. But he saw that so long as he could feed these men he was tolerably sure of their keeping in line. And so it proved. The miners held bravely out until the mine owners agreed to arbitrate; and in case arbitration had been steadily refused, would probably be holding out still.

Up to the present the community seems to have cried out for legislation against the operators. Even the heroic remedy of expropriation has been seriously proposed. But as a matter of fact, legislation should begin at the other end. At present the unions are not legally responsible bodies. They cannot be compelled to keep any agreement, and hence the reluctance of proprietors to break with labour. Business relations between a responsible and an irresponsible party could hardly be expected to be satisfactory. A necessary step, therefore, would seem to be to make the unions as responsible for the fulfilment of all contracts as owners are at present. At all events, the community cannot afford to stand idly by and allow the vagaries of a blind strife to threaten the well-being, and even the existence, of its members. The natural co-ordination of things may give promise of a solution of the difficulties involved, but it is within the

sphere of legislation to hasten that co-ordination.

The past few years have witnessed a wave of prosperity unprecedented in the history of Canada. The immense possibilities of the Canadian West have been revealed in a series of record-breaking crops. Investment of capital has been stimulated in many lines, and the latest expression of this activity is the Grand Trunk Pacific project. The relation which the proposed line is to bear to the Grand Trunk system is not clear. The new road, however, will form in some sense a Pacific extension of the G.T.R. The western division will run to the northward of the Canadian Pacific line, opening up the Peace River country, and the high price of C.P.R. stock will no doubt gild the stock of the Grand Trunk Pacific. The original promoters, therefore stand to win, whoever else may lose. The ultimate value of the stock will depend upon the future of Western Canada; and though that future seems assured, it would not be safe to base an estimate on present conditions alone. With respect to the productive area of the West, great difference of opinion exists as to its actual extent and value. That it is vast and valuable may be admitted, but it is possible to exaggerate. Again, it must be remembered that the characteristic climate of the West is dry, and therefore the past few years are exceptional rather than normal. Nothing is surer than that the country will, in the near future, experience a return to usual climatic conditions, with a corresponding falling off in production. It thus becomes a question whether during a series of lean years there will be room

for a second transcontinental line. It is true there is an outcry for increased transportation facilities, and on the strength of this it is argued that there should be a second line to cope with Western traffic. Yet, this argument loses some of its force when it is remembered that congestion of traffic on the C.P.R. occurs only once a year, and then only for a short period. The managers of the road therefore refuse to encumber themselves with rolling stock which during nine months of the year must lie idle. If the farmers of the West could hold their grain for a few months (increased elevator accommodation would make this possible), the present line could handle the traffic of the country with ease. There is no doubt, however, that the idea of a second road is exceedingly popular, and if the present season of prosperity holds long enough, Grand Trunk Pacific stock will find plenty of eager purchasers.

THE THEATRE.

THE Kingston theatre-goers, who availed themselves of the opportunity of witnessing the production of "A Daughter of Hamilcar," at the Grand Opera House, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., enjoyed one of the best performances that have visited the city this season. There was just one element that might have been improved and that was the number of spectators. It seems unfortunate, and in some respects unaccountable, that when a performance of such a high order of merit visits our city it should not be greeted by a crowded house; and especially does this seem the case when one considers what crowds almost fought for even standing room when other attrac-

tions (some of them vastly inferior) held the boards. As it was, the house was only fairly well filled, the floor being comfortably taken while upstairs was only moderately patronized.

But if the crowd was not large it was at least appreciative, and frequently an exceptionally clever piece of acting received deserved applause. The time and scene in which the events represented took place transported the audience back to the ancient city of Carthage as it stood about the year 245 B.C. The play was admirably staged, and the scenery was most elaborate and expensive, while the costumes were beautiful and historically correct. The acting could scarcely be improved upon. Each character seemed to have a perfect appreciation and mastery of his or her role. Of course the interest of the play centred in the leading *dramatis persona*, Blanche Walsh as Salamambo, whose devotion to her native city, Carthage, was a conspicuous feature of the plot. The predominant note throughout was that of tragedy, but the winsome ways of Hannibal, the youthful brother of Salamambo, relieved the tension and provoked an occasional laugh.

Limitations of space prevent us from reviewing any of the interesting and dramatic situations involved, much as we should like to do so. In conclusion we can only say that when the curtain had fallen on the closing scene and the orchestra had elicited from their instruments the familiar strains of the national anthem, several hundred people could be seen passing out of the brilliantly lighted theatre and wending their way slowly homewards, highly delighted with the evening's entertainment.



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10. County Model Schools Examination begin.
13. Local assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees.
15. County Model Schools close.
Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer of Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township.
County Councils to pay Treasurer of High Schools.
17. Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin.
Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools.
22. High Schools first term, and Public and Separate Schools close.
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30. Reports of Principals of County Model Schools to Department, due.
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31. Annual meetings of Public and Separate Schools.
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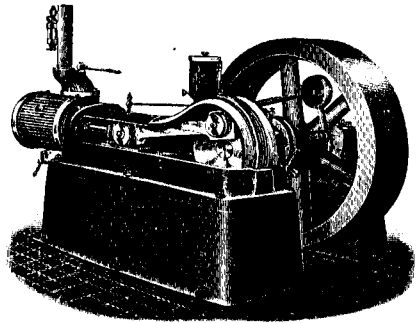
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