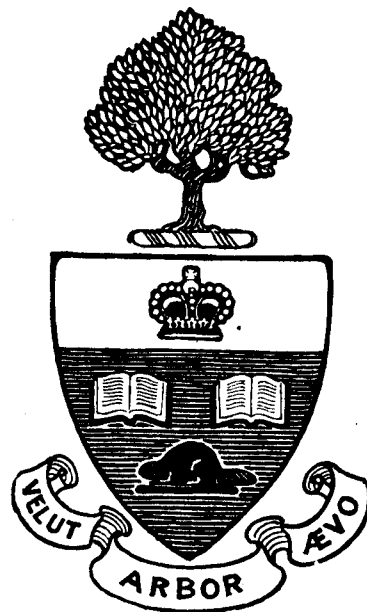


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## THE SPECTRE OF THE ROSE.

(From the French of Theophile Gautier.)

Open half your lids so close  
Kissed by visions virginal,  
I am the spectre of the rose  
That last night graced you at the ball.  
You received me pearly yet  
From the garden's silver dew,  
And amid the starry fete  
All the night I clung to you.

O! you who robbed me of my breath,  
Behold my rosy ghost is sped,  
From the farther side of death,  
Here to dance beside your bed.  
Let not fear your mind control,  
I demand no sacrifice;  
This light perfume is my soul  
Fresh from the flowers' paradise.

Enviably was my fate,  
For I had your breast for tomb;  
More than one had passed life's gate  
To have gained so fair a doom;  
And on the marble as I lay,  
A poet wrote with reverent kiss:  
Here lies a rose, and from this day  
Kings will envy death like this.

FREDERIC DAVIDSON.

## AUNT DOROTHY.

AUNT DOROTHY, or as we "youngsters," most of whom are all now grown-up, still love to call her, "Dodo," is one of those sweet-faced, energetic, strong-willed women we all read about, but whom it is our misfortune rarely to meet.

Ever since I can remember, bright black eyes and glossy white hair have always been associated with my thoughts of "Dodo." Those wonderful eyes, though now lacking the brilliancy which must have been their special characteristic in the days gone by, still retain an extraordinary keenness of sight. In fact, it is one of our few family boasts that Auntie, at the ripe age of seventy-seven, is able to read fine print as readily with her naked eye as some of the rest of us can with the aid of spectacles. As for the hair, I remember asking mother one day, when I was a child, "if the angels had hair like Aunt Dodo's?" The same wave is there yet, the same glossiness; though in those days its whiteness had more of the pure tinge of snow about it, and its masses, now, alas! sadly diminished, instead of being worn in a loose coil on the neck, as now, were piled high on her head.

There is just one other point that seemed to distinguish Auntie from all the rest of her family. She was lame. Once, years ago, I remember, as I watched Auntie come haltingly and slowly along an icy sidewalk, the thought suddenly struck me that possibly Auntie had not always been lame. Her slight limp seemed such a part of herself that I had never given it a thought. So I turned and spoke the thoughts in my mind to mother, who happened to be standing near me at the time, with

her eyes following the same direction as mine. I shall never forget the sudden, deepening expression of seriousness which came over mother's face at the question, and the film which, for a moment, seemed to dim the brightness of her tender blue eyes. "No," she gently answered, "no, dearie, Auntie was not always lame, nor her hair always white; but don't ask questions, that's mother's good little girl." Child as I was, I instinctively felt that I had inadvertently touched a tender and perhaps painful chord, and I as instinctively, thereafter, avoided mentioning the subject.

That is years ago; and when I recall the scene now, I involuntarily smile, to think with what awe and reverence I was wont, after that, to regard Aunt "Dodo," and how painstakingly I tried to show that her white hair and her limp were not arousing a forbidden curiosity within me. Looking back now, through the vista of years, I can readily understand that it was not, perhaps, owing entirely to the painfulness of the recital that all explanations were withheld from me at that time, but because mother, with wise forethought, had feared that I, misunderstanding a story which was beyond my years, might, by some thoughtless remark, wound a sensitiveness which she knew, despite all outward appearances to the contrary, was still keenly alive on the subject. And I, as children sometimes do, having once become thoroughly possessed of the idea that to speak of this unexplained matter was forbidden ground, still felt a reverent reluctance to ask questions even when childhood days were over. Thus it happened, that it was not till the

other day that I finally "broke the ice" and in a somewhat hesitating tone, asked Auntie herself for the story.

The old childish idea still, to a certain degree, clung to me, and I rather expected that my request would again be refused, or, at best, that a barely necessary explanation would be given me. I was, then, agreeably surprised, when Auntie, over whose face a slight shadow had passed at the question, turned to me frankly, with one of her rare smiles, and placing her hand on my head as I sat in the glow of the firelight on a low footstool at her feet, gently said: "Is it possible, dear child, that you have lived all these years, and have never known why I am lame? I thought they had told you the story long ago."

Auntie spoke with a quaint, Scotch accent which one can thoroughly appreciate, but which is, of all accents, the most difficult to describe. Her long residence on this side of "the water" had to a certain extent eliminated the "brogue" (which only betrayed itself under strong stress of emotion), leaving only here and there a word pronounced with a smack of the heather about it, which, together with a word sometimes accentuated in an odd syllable, gave a piquancy and charm to Auntie's conversation which attracted young and old alike.

That night, as we sat there together in the little study, the "red room," as it was always called, feeling doubly warm and cosy as we heard the wind soughing weirdly through the limbs of the old apple tree which now and then swayed its leafless branches desolately against the window-pane, I heard the tale which contained the history of a heart's love and sorrow. Then, for the first time, I fully understood the depth of Auntie's real character. She had always been to me a noble, true-hearted, sympathetic woman with a certain indescribable air of infinite peace pervading her whole presence. But it had never occurred to me before that the quick, keen glances which her black eyes sometimes gave, the occasional impatient movement of the hand which was checked almost before it was made, the firmly-set expression which the lips on rare occasions used to assume, were an index to character which years of suffering borne in uncomplaining and ever-cheerful silence had forged and chastened into but the ideal of its former self. It was hard for me, even during the relentless recital of details which seemed to afford Auntie in some inexplicable way a certain measure of relief, intermingled with the pain, to realize that our "Dodo" had ever been less angelic in disposition than we had always known her to be.

In the prime of life, Auntie had been one of those natures which have as their special legacy a somewhat excitable and uneven temperament. Scotch to the backbone, she possessed all the virtues as well as a good many of the faults which distinguish that race whose special characteristic is generally acknowledged to be a whole-heartedness and energy which manifests itself quite as uncompromisingly when a "wrong track" is entered upon, as when exercised in the cause of right. Aunt Dorothy was apt to live in moods and phrases, walking eccentrically; sometimes a seemingly living exemplification of her beloved countryman's famous line, "'Tis hardly in a body's power to keep at times frae bein' sour"; sometimes, in her "canniness for her ain," in her strict adherence to Christian principles, in the world of love and silent loyalty, hidden away, with all a Scotchman's power of self-control, in the depths of her generous heart, the poet's ideal of a womanly woman. Left a widow while yet a girl in years, trained by years of hard experience to fight her own battles, small wonder that her self-reliance and strong will had been fostered to a degree which boded ill for anyone brave enough to cross her.

With the conception of her character given honestly and freely in her frank telling of the story, I could readily understand what a shock it must have been to her, when one day, at an unhappy moment, her only son announced his intention of being married on a certain date. Auntie's jealous pride, at all times quick to defend itself, was doubly stung by the thought,

somewhat unfounded, that proceedings which touched her so nearly, but in which she had been given small place, had been going on for some time. Her love for her only child was so unbounded, and, at the same time, so inordinately jealous of any intruder, that in a burst of what was in reality uncontrollable jealousy and grief, taking the form of petulant rage, she emphatically declared her intention of "no gangin' ane step tae the weddin'." Her mother's love for the first time in her life had made her unreasonable; and Malcolm, though he had inherited too much of the Scotch nature to attempt to bandy over the matter, naturally felt that his manhood was being unjustly imposed upon.

Then followed days of constraint between the two who had hitherto been all in all to each other. Both were miserable, yet both were too proud to show it. The one tried to hide the gnawing at her heart-strings under a silent, dignified demeanour, while the other, though much distressed by such unlooked-for opposition, disdained to make any appeal, but contented himself with maintaining a quiet reserve, hoping within himself that his mother, whom he almost idolized, would, in time, see and acknowledge the unreasonableness of her position. Poor Auntie! and poor Malcolm!

At this point in her narrative I began to feel that the strain was proving too much for Auntie's strength, and turned to beg her to spare herself. But the remembrance of those cold, silent days, even when thirty long years had done their best to obliterate it, had brought such a look of agonized remorse to the dear face beside me, that I involuntarily dropped my face in my hands. The sight of the white, drawn face with "the soft, sad eyes set like twilight planets in the rainy skies, with the brow all patience and the lips all pain," proved too much for me, and tears rose unbidden to my eyes. I rose and drew aside the curtain. But the night outside only added to the sense of sadness and of impending horror which had already taken complete possession of me. The low clouds hung like a pall of sable blackness overhead, with here and there a rift, through which a pale, steely light gleamed, only made the gloom more intense.

I stood there a moment heartily wishing that I had not asked that the veil which time had mercifully drawn over past sufferings be raised. I turned to beg Auntie to leave the rest unsaid. But the movement had aroused her, and in her own sweet way she asked my pardon for allowing her feelings to carry her away. "I thought I had schooled mysel' past all that," she said with a warm smile. Then, with an impressive earnestness which sent a thrill through me, she laid her hands softly upon my head and murmured: "Eh, lassie, lassie, may the gude Lord preserve ye frae ever speakin' a single word ye wad gie your whole life to hae left unsaid."

Her strength was becoming spent; the story was proving far more painful than I think either of us had deemed possible at its commencement. But Auntie persisted in finishing it, though it was told with heart-rending little catches in her breath, and with tears coursing down her wan cheeks. Her hands lay knotted in a convulsive clasp in her lap, and her forehead was seamed with pain, as she told me how she had persisted in her obdurate pride to the last.

The wedding-day came. Malcolm purposely lingered in his preparations for the long, cold drive before him, hoping against hope that his mother would yet change her mind, and say the word he was hungering so intensely, yet so silently, to hear; but no sign was made. 'Tis a Scotchman's boast that his word is as good as his oath. I could imagine poor Auntie's feelings as she stood leaning against the window-casement with the rays of the setting sun glinting on her hair—her obdurate pride wrestling with her mother's love, her heart's yearning all but conquering her unyielding stubbornness. So she watched her bonnie curly-haired boy drive off behind his team of spirited bays; she watched him disappearing swiftly down the white

frosty road; she strained her eyes to catch one last glimpse of him as he turned the bend. Oh! he was waving his hat! Some sudden impulse had made him turn at the last moment and wave this token of his love to the white, set face which he knew would be sure to be watching him from the window. The act, slight as it was and hardly discernible in the distance, swept away the last remnant of pride in his mother's heart. The reaction was as swift and intruse as its cause. In a remorsefulness which was almost frantic, she longed to assure him he was still as ever her own dear bairn. But it was too late.

Auntie's trembling voice sank to a hoarse whisper. "Lassie, lassie, did ye ever hae a foreknowledge o' anything? Well, I hed it once, and for a' that night. \* \* \* They brocht him hame, my bonnie laddie—twa hours afterwards. I saw them comin' doon the road—nae need to speer. I kent the bocky mare had pitched him o'er the Gulley Hill—My bairn! My bonnie bairn!—I bided till they turned in the lane—till they set doon their burthen afore the door. My bairn micht need me. I tried to go doon the stairs—I reeled—I fell. Noo, ye ken the tale, lassie! Noo ye ken hoo the Lord hath chastened me for my stubborn thochts. Eh, lassie, lassie, ilka sin brings its ain retribution." A.R.

#### THE RHODES' SCHOLARSHIPS.

A general meeting of heads of colleges was called by Dr. Parkin in the Education Department on Saturday Dec. 27.

Besides the representatives of the University of Toronto, delegates from Queen's, Trinity, McMaster, the University of Ottawa and the Western University attended.

Dr. Parkin described in outline the ideas of Mr. Rhodes, the amendments suggested by the trustees, the attitude of the different colleges in Oxford, all of which have expressed willingness to receive half a dozen Rhodes' scholars, and the contribution to the scheme made by the Maritime Provinces, from which he had just returned.

After considerable discussion it was agreed that in view of Mr. Rhodes' wishes that his scholarships should represent the geographical distribution of the Empire, rather than the distribution of population, the Ontario heads of colleges were content to recommend: (1) that each Province count as a unit, and that the eight Canadian scholarships, which will probably be created, be divided equally among them: the Northwest Territories counting as one Province; (2) that in each Province the scholarship coming to that Province rotate between the different universities according to the number of students enrolled in Arts in actual attendance at each: that is, that in a cycle of years each university receive the scholarship once or more according to the number of its Arts' students: thus, for example, if a university with sixty such students receive it once in this cycle the University of six hundred will receive it ten times; (3) furthermore that the cycle be revised from time to time to meet any changed conditions.

It was also brought out in discussion: (1) that most of the colleges were prepared to receive not only scholars preparing for the B.A. degree, but also a certain number of others aiming at a post-graduate degree; (2) that some of them would require their scholars, if reading for the B.A. degree, to read for honors, with other members of this college; (3) that for all scholars reading for the B.A. degree the maximum qualification would be capacity to pass responsions (involving an elementary knowledge of Greek).

Dr. Parkin added that for Arts students looking to Medicine ultimately Oxford had now a very thorough course, which would enable them to take a medical degree in London after two years of extra work: for one of which years at least any prudent man could easily save enough from his Rhodes' scholarship. Such men would derive not less benefit, he thought than those others to whom Oxford appealed more obviously: those, that is, who are contemplating academic life or journalism,

or public life: and who would take the older honor schools of modern history and *Litteræ Humaniores* (classics, ancient history and philosophy).

It was further recommended that all Undergraduates or Graduates be eligible who have finished their second year and who are not less than twenty-one or more than twenty-five years of age.

The qualifications as defined of Mr. Rhodes' and endorsed in effect by his trustees, consist in: (1) scholarship; (2) athletic record; (3) character, and (4) capacity for leadership

M. H.

#### GREETING.

Ann Arbor hails Toronto with a word  
Of serious purpose fraught with fellowship.  
Too long have we been strangers. To your lip  
I lift the friendly bowl. Shall George the Third  
Fashion our mutual mood, whose souls are stirred  
Alike by Shakespeare? In us, both, the drip  
Of English dew age long has wrought, the grip  
Of Saxon winter, and the song of British bird.  
For us at Poitiers your fathers died;  
At Lexington our fathers made you free:  
Let us be brothers, in the mutual pride  
Of one dear language, one high ancestry,  
Unfearful hearts that never turn aside,  
And kindred purposes of amity.

EDWIN L. MILLER,

University of Michigan.

#### THE GYM. CLUB TOUR.

NEITHER the University Gymnasium Club now numerous unsophisticated individuals who have recently been enlightened by "the gods" will ever have reason to regret the tour through Western Ontario during New Year's week. Varsity men have the reputation of being jolly dogs upon the slightest provocation. Through the west this impression has become exaggerated, but even a hard-headed Scotchman must bear in mind that

"It's always fair weather  
When good fellows get together,"

and be merciful. As far as the members of the Gym. Club know anything about it the fairest weather certainly did prevail twenty-four hours in the day straight; and, pardon me for presuming to say, they were about as decent a lot of heads as ever hit the trail.

The first performance was at St. Marys. Manager Adams had secured accommodation for the party in advance. Our prospective host of the Windsor didn't see the point, however, and straightway directed us on a long journey over hill and dale to the Ontario House. Here we found Host Webster waiting with open arms to receive us. The work of reconciliation to the doubtful appearance of the place was miraculous and voices were quickly silenced which might have risen up in rebellion.

We learned from the school of bitter experience that St. Marys isn't up to much in the "grub" line. Before evening the boys had cleaned out the butler's pantry with the exception of a meagre supply of bread and cheese and cold tea laid by for a time of need. Do the uninitiated know the meaning of the word "gink"? Varsity had the pleasure of putting the old Ontario House on the "gink"—and as a result more than a sweeping and garnishing was necessary to put it in order. Will you believe me? even the proprietor winked at our machinations, although he persevered in his asseverations that the V-a-r-s-i-t-y

boys were all-right. How was it? We have reason to suspect he had quaffed rather too freely of the nectar of the gods.

At Parkhill the club met with an enthusiastic reception and incidentally ran up against Freddie Fox, '02, who did his biggest to make us comfortable. The citizens professed to be highly edified by the assault-at-arms. They had no idea such a high degree of excellence had been reached in athletic training at our University.

In London, we received courteous treatment at the hands of Varsity and S.P.S. boys, who treated us to a tally-ho ride in the afternoon, and introduced us, on the way, to that good Red Cross Knight, Sir John Carling, who entertained us in right proper style at his official headquarters. The show here was under the auspices of the 7th Fusiliers. After the performance the sergeants placed their mess-rooms at our disposal, and didn't the milk and honey flow at the passing of the old year and the ushering in of '03! One event remains to be chronicled, i.e., a water fight at the Grigg House—Biggs v. Forbes. It was a pretty even match, and both were getting in some of their prettiest work when the proprietor appeared on the scene and advised them to cut it out or he might have to direct an early morning parade into the cold streets.

Everyone was interested in Bert Wood's dream. He was the victim of a railroad accident—pinned beneath car trucks and other debris. Strangely enough one couldn't help associating great coats, travelling bags and suit cases with the debris of his dream. A high degree of excitement and alarm prevailed during the few minutes he was endeavoring to extricate himself. What with his writhing and groaning, we became confirmed in the opinion that Bert should have been a contortionist.

At Hamilton we were feted by the 13th Regiment, and at Guelph, our last night stand, by a party of distinguished Argentine gentlemen. On arriving in the Royal City, the first thing to attract attention was the bill for our performance, "Assaulted Arms and Pugilistic Contest" by the Varsity Gymnasium Club. One would surely be justified in saying Guelphites are in need of a little instruction in the "fundamentals." I forgot to mention that one of our party turned coal-black as a result of the shock in the railway accident. It took us long to explain the truth of his case to the citizens who are not exactly consumed with a passion for the colored race.

The week had passed all too quickly, and Saturday morning saw us well on the return journey to Toronto. To the chagrin of the party, one of our number had contracted a sudden engagement with a fair damsel. The older heads were shocked at such an exhibition of precipitancy on the part of one of the juniors and decided to hold an investigation. From the evidence brought forward there could be no doubt but Pete had actually fallen in love, but, as he had gone deliberately into the trap, we could do nothing more than reprimand him severely.

#### Remarks :

1. "The prettiest girl I ever saw was sucking cider through a straw" is fit to rank as a classical ballad.
2. The vandals who made away with our New Year's decorations should be sought out and summarily punished.
3. Professor Williams is a sport in the highest and truest sense, which fact ordinary frequenters of the Gym are not likely to appreciate. If only they might hear him spiel his mess song about Nang-Ke-Poo and his Liv-i-er!
4. Percy Biggs bids fair to rival Joe as champion amateur clown of Canada.
5. Dan. Urquhart, though cast in the mould of a dignified and sedate votary of the church, is'nt half bad.
6. The boys acquitted themselves creditably, and gave an exhibition which, to say the least, is bound to bring the University before the eyes of the public in a most favorable light.

K.

#### THE EXAMINER.

Examiners write what they please  
When lounging about at their ease  
In offices snug,  
While we grind and plug  
To answer such questions as these :—

1. When, why, where did Great Alexander  
Say boo to a goose—or a gander?  
In proving your note,  
A scene or two quote  
From the lost comedies of Menander.
2. Note the change in Athenian drama,  
By inserting momma for mamma;  
Can you retain the twang  
Of American slang  
In Greek by the use of digamma?
3. Take a dozen Pale Ale and some Rum,  
With a chaser or so of "Seagram,"  
To get a good toot on,  
What angle (by Newton),  
Is then mean twixt the sidewalk and plumb?
4. The chorus used by Aristophanes,  
Compare briefly with those one often sees  
In a musical play;  
Then the ages, please say,  
And the jokes comic papers get off on these.
5. From the datum of Library fine  
Trace the growth and location assign  
Of Roman tribute,  
Of power absolute,  
And of stamping, the rise and decline.
6. How far from Diogenes' tub  
To the nearest, respectable pub?  
Did he carry a can?  
Was his true, honest man  
To be found at Caer Howell or Hub?
7. State briefly Socrates' advice  
On dining-hall pudding and rice,  
Demonstrate underneath  
Apple-pie to the Tth;  
And the law against helping one twice.

SARDONIUS.

#### A "SCOTCH" JOKE.

Mr. Crawford, lecturing on Philology: "Last week, gentlemen, I was speaking of the effects of Old Irish." (Applause.) "To-day I propose to take Scotch." (Uproar.)—Glasgow University Monthly.

At Cornell the student body has formed a vigilance committee, composed of 30 Seniors and 20 Juniors, to enforce Freshman rules. An executive committee has also been chosen to settle all cases which come under the eye of the vigilance committee.—Ex.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## PLACE OF DEBATES IN I.U.D.L.

EDITOR VARSITY: Two years ago the Inter-University Debating League was formed, embracing McGill, Queen's, and University College. The constitution awards the champions a bye in the debates of the next year, but mentions no guiding principle to decide the place of debates.

Last year the first series was debated. The executive of the I.U.D.L. arranged that Varsity should visit Queen's for the first round, the winners to go to McGill. Queen's won at both places. This year McGill visited Toronto, Varsity winning. The point now rises, should Varsity go to Queen's, or Queen's come to Varsity for the finals? Should the champions of the I.U.D.L. besides drawing a bye in the first round remain home the second, or should the place of debate be decided by the alternating principle, viz., when two colleges debate, the place shall be the home of the college that sent the visiting team when those two colleges last debated?

At first glance this does not seem to be a vital point, nor do we see its full significance till we learn the principle on which the subjects are chosen. The constitution says that the visiting team shall send four subjects to the home team, who shall select subject and side. Evidently the visiting team will endeavor to send evenly balanced subjects, but there is always a right side to every debatable resolution, and this the home team will choose. They thus have a decided advantage.

It seems but reasonable to say that this advantage should be alternated. If Varsity should win the championship this year and McGill the first round next year, would it be fair to ask the latter to come here next year after having given us the advantage in our last debate with her? Or should we be asked to go to Queen's now, since we visited them a year ago? When a visiting team wins, it is by virtue of sheer superiority in debating ability. When this does not exist, or exists in the home team, the latter wins, and therefore if the champions always remain home for the finals, one college would likely hold the championship several years, thus having a continual advantage over the winners of the first round. A system which always gives the champions the advantage, and which may result in giving one college a continuous advantage, does not appeal to me as equitable or safe.

The alternating principle, however, equalizes matters. We had the advantage this year, but next debate with us McGill would have it. The same would hold for McGill and Queen's, and for Queen's and Varsity. It may be objected that this system would in some cases give a college two home debates in one year, thus giving her a double advantage. In her last debate with each of the other colleges she would have given each the advantage, and in her next debate with each she would do likewise, so that her double advantage for one year would be equalized by a double disadvantage either preceding or following.

It thus seems to me in the best interests of the I.U.D.L. that the alternating principle should be adopted by the executive.

Yours, etc.,

January 9, 1903.

WM. H. DAY.

## MODERN PROVERBS.

1. Who can find a perfect man? For his price is far above rubies.
2. The heart of his wife doth safely trust in him, and she hath no need.
3. He seeketh the axe and the woodpile, and worketh willingly with his hands.
4. He is like the merchants' ships, he bringeth his food from afar.
5. He riseth also while it is yet night, and lighteth the kitchen fire, and taketh breakfast unto his sleeping spouse.
6. He is not afraid of snow for his household, for all his bins are filled with coal.
7. He considereth a field and buyeth it, and with the fruit of his hands, he planteth potatoes.
8. He goeth not on strike at all, and joineth no union.
9. He clotheth his children in purple and fine linen, yet himself hath only one necktie.
10. His wife is known in the Dorcas Society, where she sitteth with the gossips of the land.
11. He buyeth much merchandise, and deedeth it all unto his better half.
12. Then he payeth four cents on the dollar.
13. Yea, strength and honor are his clothing, and he shall rejoice in time to come.

SOLOMON, JR.

## POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB.

Despite the fact that many had departed for Christmas vacation, a large and representative audience enjoyed the able lecture of Mr. W. S. Milner, M.A., on December 18. Mr. Milner reviewed exhaustively the causes alleged for the fall of the Roman Empire and pictured the growth and decadence of Roman power as the rise and fall and denouement of a drama. Mr. Milner's treatment of the moral causes alleged was most interesting and he expressed his belief that it was the duty of a historian to survey and examine all influences which mould the development of a nation or of civilization, and not to disregard factors which are influential but hard to grasp. In the mind of the lecturer, many influences had co-operated to cause the downfall of Rome, but the blunder due to defect of character, the hamartema of Aristotle, had been committed as early as 264 B.C. Rome fell because as a City-State she could not organize a system of representative government.

The first meeting of the Political Science Club for 1903 will be held on Thursday, January 15, at 4 p.m., in room 2. The programme consists of an address on "Some Impressions of the Coal Strike," by Mr. John A. Ewan, the special correspondent of *The Globe*, who spent several weeks in the coal district during the most exciting period of the strike. An unusually interesting and profitable hour is assured for all who attend. All are cordially welcome.

## AN ADDITION TO THE MUSEUM.

Mr. Jos. Townsend's collection of fossils from Ontario formations, including an especially fine lot from the Guelph formation, has been purchased by the authorities of the University of Toronto. The collection comprises about 5,000 specimens and 700 different species. Within the last few years Drs. Coleman and Parks have both made extensive collections, and the University will now have a very fine collection of Canadian minerals to display in the new building on College street.

# THE VARSITY.

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TORONTO, January 14, 1903.

THE question of the form which the Conversat. is to take this year has become critical. The University College Lit. cannot again take the chance of having a deficit such as faced it last year through the attempt at combining the two features of a dance and an exhibition of the work of the University. It was made perfectly plain then that these two principles could not be successfully combined.

There was, however, even among those who favored the retention of the dance, a feeling of regret that the old features of the Conversat. should disappear entirely. It is with general satisfaction therefore that the scheme has been put forward of holding two distinct functions on different dates this year, one a dance and the other an educational display of the University's work.

The idea is to make the dance a purely student affair, to be held in the Gymnasium, as the most suitable place. The other function would be in the Main Building, under the management of the Faculty and students combined. It would be carried on with all the elaborateness of former Conversats. and tickets would be placed at a low figure so as to allow all the students to attend and entertain their friends. The revenue would be made up by the large number attending.

It cannot be doubted that it is of great benefit to the University to get the people of Toronto and of the Province directly interested in our work. And there is no way by which this result is more likely to be attained than by bringing the intelligent members of the community to the University and showing them exhibits from the various departments. A couple of years ago something of a similar kind was given at the Biological Building and was an unqualified success. The exhibits were viewed with interest and the lecturers received an attentive hearing. We hope the scheme, as proposed, will be carried out. Both functions should prove popular.

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The Easter term brings with it a feeling that we have come to a point beyond which we cannot go on shirking responsibility and work. Up to Christmas, we have a light-hearted idea that we are not here altogether for work, and that we will have abundance of time for work in some dim, uncertainly-defined future. But we can no longer cozen ourselves with such pleasant dreams. The mountain of work which we have piled up for ourselves must now be attacked.

The college year is very well arranged in many respects. In

the autumn occur the sports, which take up the most time, and most of the social events are carried out before Christmas. In this way the students are enabled to get in a fair amount of work and still take part in the athletic and social functions, which are admittedly an important part of college life. The rest at Christmas leaves them well prepared for the hard study which will characterize the next four months. We have no doubt that if all New Year's resolutions are carried out, the library will henceforth be crowded and the lecture-rooms properly filled. So will our lot be easier next May.

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The annual Oratory Contest of University College is announced for the end of the month, and to-morrow is set as the last day upon which entries will be received. This is a matter in which the students should take a more general interest than they do. Public speaking is neglected by the great majority of the Undergraduates. This is partly because we have no Chair of Rhetoric in the University, and partly because the places on the important debates are not competed for in the way in which they are in the American Universities. In the latter, the ones who are to represent their Year or their College secure the coveted positions only after showing their superiority over numerous other aspirants. A regular series of preliminary debates always precedes any important contest. Our own system of choosing debaters is of a hap-hazard nature. It is true the best debaters are generally known and chosen, but there is a large amount of material left undeveloped, which, if it were brought out, might add greatly to the strength of the University along this line.

It was with this feeling that The Lit. instituted the Oratory Contest three years ago. It was thought that, when given sufficient time to prepare an oration, and a subject which would be acceptable, a comparatively large number would strive to make themselves more proficient in this class of speaking. It is not an easy accomplishment, but the desirable is seldom easy. The orator who selects a subject and speaks on it has an advantage over the debater. There is more charm in the oration, because it is more finished, its parts are more perfected, arranged and developed, because it is, in a word, a work of art.

In the coming contest every Year should be represented. The inter-year debates have shown that the Junior Years have an abundance of speaking ability. There should be enough healthy rivalry between the classes to insure each bringing out the best speakers it has. No trophy around the University is more worthy of the ambitious efforts of the students than the medal for oratory.

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THE VARSITY is a students' paper and is entitled to the fullest support of the students. There is no way in which this support can be given better than by contributing to its columns. The paper is intended to be a mirror of student opinion, but there is little chance of its being so unless the students express their opinions through it. There must be numerous questions which present themselves for solution to the Undergraduates, wrongs which should be righted, or customs which should be changed. These are subjects which would be of real living interest. The editor will be glad at all times to receive contributions from the Undergraduates.



## THE COLLEGE GIRL

MISS A. L. McDARRY, Superintending Editor.



THAT the college girl's enthusiasm and devotion to the institutions of her *Alma Mater* is in no wise cooled, even by circumstances which might reasonably be expected to have a somewhat cooling effect, was sufficiently shown on Saturday evening. It was the evening of the regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society. By half-past seven o'clock a goodly number of members had gathered on the steps of the Gynnasium to find the doors locked and the place in utter darkness. Evidently, "they," those mysterious and interesting people by whose agency doors are unlocked and gas lighted, had completely forgotten, for the time being, the existence of that important body, whose representatives were now shivering on the steps eagerly discussing "why," and still more eagerly "how!"

After, perhaps, half an hour so spent, someone at last arrived with the keys—more joyfully welcomed by the half-frozen Women's Literary Society than was ever prodigal returning to the bosom of his family. To be sure, the heat inside was scarcely tropical, and there was some difficulty in getting the gas turned on, but such trifles were not to be considered in the general happiness which had resulted at the sight of the great obdurate door slowly and invitingly swinging back.

Before the minutes of the last meeting were read, it was moved and carried that a few moments be spent in dancing, in order that the girls might get warm, and for a short time the miseries of the past hour were forgotten in the strains of many a merry two-step.

After the reading of the minutes and a discussion of the spring reception, Miss Summers gave a review of the life and works of Heine. The paper was well prepared, and was listened to with great interest, even by those whose courses do not bring them into personal contact with German literature.

The open debate which followed was entirely impromptu. The subject was, "Resolved, that the lot of the Senior is happier than that of the Freshman." The debate was open to members of all the Years, but as the First and Fourth Years were particularly interested, the other Years preferred to listen rather than take part. The chief fault which the judges found with the debate was one which was readily excusable in a debate of such an impromptu nature, viz, that neither side defined "happy," consequently the arguments were sometimes from quite different points of view.

The debate was opened by Miss Johnson, '03, who spoke for the affirmative. She said that the Senior had reached a stage of development in which she was able to discriminate in her work that which is of importance from that which is not. She has found out by experience, and by experiments, the best methods of work. Besides this greater development of mind which the Senior has, or, at least, should have, she has the happiness of being near the completion of her course, and the finishing of a long task is really a happier state than the beginning. As for the social side, the Senior year brings friends; the Freshman year acquaintances merely.

Miss McDonald, '01, in reply, affirmed that the Senior was

as far from the ultimate goal as the Freshman. Knowledge has been gained, development attained, but these bring only desire for greater knowledge and development. The Senior's task is not finished. She has still mental attainments to seek. First pleasures are greatest. The word "fresh" contains, in some sense, the idea of happiness. First tastes are always best. While social duties fall upon the Senior, the Freshman, not knowing her environment, is happier in finding it out. The youth, in his freshness, is able both to work and play better than the pale, thin Senior.

Miss Pringle here spoke for the affirmative. She left the "pale, thin Senior" to the imagination of the audience and dwelt particularly on the happiness which comes from long association with objects and people. She spoke of the strength of class-spirit in the Fourth Year. She said that the Senior, having the stability of age and experience, and seeing things in their true light, was able to exercise her own course, while the Freshman swayed to and fro, a prey to irresolution.

Miss Brown, '03, now entered the debate on the side of the negative. She agreed that finished work brings happiness, but thought that the Freshman was happier in this, that she was in the midst of a course of four years, mapped out for her, while the Senior had before her a great future of unplanned work. The Senior feels the pain of parting from her *Alma Mater*. The Freshman has greater happiness in the outlook of forming friendships than the Senior has in the thought of severing ties which have been formed.

The leader of the affirmative, in reply, stated that if the Senior felt the pain of parting, the Freshman feels acuter pain in parting, for the first time, probably, from his home and home-friends and in coming among strangers.

Miss Benson and Miss A. C. Macdonald, '00, acted as judges and gave the decision in favor of the negative.

A piano solo by Miss Lough and the singing of "Toronto" and the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

### THE LIT.

A special meeting of the Lit was held on the afternoon of December 15, with Mr. McGuire in the chair. The business before the meeting was the appointment of a debater to fill the vacancy left by the withdrawal of Mr. Cohen from the Queen's debate, and the discussion of the present constitution of the Inter-University Debating Union. Mr. Gillies' ability as a debater was recognized by being his unanimously elected. Mr. Munro will be the second debater.

A discussion followed which showed the feeling that the Queen's-University of Toronto debate should take place here, and not in Kingston, as the Queen's representatives hold. Mr. Day pointed out that Queen's had already gained some advantage by having the bye and for this reason, and because the University of Toronto had sent debaters to Queen's last year, he felt that the fair thing was to have the debate here. He advocated the alternating system, whereby, that if the University of Toronto debated at Queen's one year, Queen's should debate here the next. Mr. Day introduced a motion along these lines, which, after being spoken on by Messrs Odell and Youme, was carried.

The meeting then adjourned to meet after Christmas.

Mary had a little lamb,  
Likewise a lobster stew,  
And 'ere the sunlit morning dawned,  
She had a nightmare too.

—Minnesota Daily.

## THE INTER-COLLEGE CLUB.

THE Inter-College Club is not the kind of institution which many might infer from its imposing name. It has a history as short and a membership as small as, perhaps, any other society in connection with the University. It came into existence only three years ago and has never had a membership of more than thirty. To explain its purposes and *raison d'être* we shall give an outline of its brief history:

At the beginning of the year 1900, several students from the various colleges met together and decided to form a society for the purpose, as they said, of discussing inter-college problems and such as are of vital interest to society and our country. Such society was organized under the name of "The Inter-College Club" with Mr. Hugh Munroe as President, and Mr. W. C. Good as Secretary. Meetings were held every week during the ensuing year, and many great problems were brought up for discussion. For the year 1900-01 Mr. F. E. Brown was President, and the club carried out a programme consisting of debates on subjects of every description, ranging from "Patriotism" to "Books I Have Read." Every member present at a meeting always added his quota to the discussion.

During the next season the meetings were held only fortnightly, but ten live topics were discussed on different evenings. Mr. L. V. Lindsay, of Osgoode, then occupied the President's chair, and Mr. J. R. Roebuck acted as secretary. Though the attendance at these meetings was usually small, all those who did attend took part in the discussions and made them instructive and interesting. For the present year a good programme of fortnightly meetings was arranged, but only three meetings have been held. Owing to the resignation of the President, and the withdrawal of several members in the fall, the committee decided to discontinue the meetings till after the Christmas holidays. At present there is some doubt as to the future of the club, and we wish to present its claims before the students who are to decide its destiny.

In spite of the fact that there are already too many demands upon the student's time, and, in most colleges, too many societies to take up his attention, we believe that the Inter-College Club ought to find enough supporters to make it one of the most successful organizations in Varsity. There are literary, departmental and debating societies in nearly all the colleges, but none of these afford the same advantages as this club. In a formal debate or literary meeting there are only four or five who have a chance to speak at all, and these are generally men who have had practice in public speaking. Anyone who has not good oratorical ability or abundant self-confidence can never hope to be more than a listener at such meetings. The distinguishing feature of the Inter-College Club meetings is free discussion. Everybody who attends can say something, however little, on the topic under discussion, and has the opportunity of learning, without formal practice, how to express his own views and to criticize those of others. Though there may be the danger of having mere extempore speech-making in such discussions, so far no one has attempted to speak at these meetings without some intelligence and preparation.

The next meeting will be held in the Y.M.C.A. building on Thursday, January 22, at 8 p.m. Anyone who wishes to see the Inter-College Club continue its good work may appear there and offer his support. This is not an appeal for membership, but rather a proposal to those who are interested in debating, and in college life, to unite with the present members in supporting this organization. The purpose of the club is to give the students, scattered so widely over the city, an opportunity of meeting together in a friendly way to conduct an intelligent discussion. If this club can be organized, as similar clubs have been in other universities, on the firm basis of friendship, its meetings will soon be recognized as one of the most enjoyable and memorable factors in the college life of those who have been its members.

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## THE ENGINEERS' DANCE.

On Friday night the Toronto Engineer Co. gave their second annual ball at their headquarters in the Students' Union Building, Queen's Park, and more than sustained the enviable reputation for hospitality which they had previously established. An awning, extending from the driveway to the entrance, added greatly to the comfort of the arriving guests. Major Lang and Mr. S. P. Biggs received in the main corridor.

The Gymnasium had been cleared for dancing, and it, as well as the entrance hall and the assembly hall up-stairs, was tastefully decorated with flags and streamers, interspersed with blue and white bunting. The rifles, with their bayonets gleaming here and there amid the gayer decorations, gave a hint that the function was under military auspices.

Over two hundred couples were present and kept up an unflagging interest in the programme of twenty numbers. Glionna's orchestra furnished the music, and cheerfully played for extras and extra extras until well on into the early morning hours. An excellent supper was served in the Assembly Hall about half-past eleven.

Those taking part in the quadrille of honor were: Major Lang and Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Lieut. Col. J. I. Davidson and Lady Kirkpatrick, Lieut.-Col. Clarence Denison and Mrs. Biggs, Major Nelles and Mrs. Sweny, Mr. S. H. Biggs and Mrs. Baker, Capt. Burnham and Mrs. Davidson, Capt. Carpenter and Mrs. Evans, Mr. Percy Biggs and Mrs. Galbraith.

Among the visiting soldiers were: Sergt.-Major Borland, representing the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry; Sergt.-Major Johnstone, Royal Grenadiers; Sergt.-Major Le Blonde, Royal Canadian Dragoons; Col.-Sergt. Wills, 13th Regiment, Hamilton, and Sergt. Wright, Body Guards.

A distinguishing feature of the affair was the presence of so many military men whose bright uniforms gave to the scene a touch of color which is apt to be lacking in purely civilian gatherings.

The lady patronesses were: Miss Mowat, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Ramsay Wright, Mrs. Maurice Hutton, Mrs. Galbraith, Lady Meredith, Mrs. Charles Moss, Mrs. C. S. Gzowski, Mrs. Alfred Baker, Mrs. Otter, Mrs. Lawrence Buchan, Mrs. Sweny, Mrs. Evans, Lady Kirkpatrick, Mrs. Nordheimer, Mrs. John I. Davidson and Mrs. S. C. Biggs.

Altogether a most enjoyable evening was spent, and on all sides one hears nothing but praise for the kindness of the officers of the Toronto Engineer Co., and for the skill and energy of the committee whose efforts did so much to render this one of the most successful social events of the season.

## EXCHANGES.

Harvard's total registration is 4,166, a gain of 14 over last year. The Freshman class, numbering 611, is the largest class that has ever entered an American University.

The Senior Class of the University of California gave a vaudeville show in order to liquidate a debt incurred in publishing last year's College annual, "The Blue and Gold." The affair was most successful, netting \$565.95.

The Sophomore Class of the University of Iowa has received the following melancholy reminder of their recent encounter with the Freshmen: Injury to frescoing, \$75; from eggs, otherwise than to frescoing, \$65; broken door, \$17.50; broken table, \$7.50; total, \$165.

Willie tried to tack the carpet,  
Willie's thumb received a slam,  
Which made Willie very angry,  
And he softly murmured—  
"Mother, mother, bring the linament.

—Columbia Jester.

# SPORTS

J. G. LORRIMAN, Superintending Editor.

## HOCKEY.

### Summary of a disastrous tour:

University of Toronto....	8	Sault Ste. Marie.....	7
Houghton, Mich.....	11	University of Toronto....	2
Sault Ste. Marie.....	8	" ".....	5
Port Hope.....	11	" ".....	3
Belleville.....	16	" ".....	3
Cornwall.....	7	" ".....	2
Smith's Falls.....	9	" ".....	4
Perth.....	5	" ".....	2
Peterborough.....	10	" ".....	8

The hockey enthusiasts around the University have been in a blue funk all week, and it will take a lot of "Force" to develop any "Sunny Jims," in the outfit. On all sides, the greatest indignation is expressed that a team which can put only three or four senior men on the ice at every game is carrying the Toronto blue and white throughout Eastern Ontario, and, to say the least, endangering the University's reputation for athletic excellence.

The repeated failures of the tourists should not, however, cause us to lose our faith in the U. of T. hockey team. The septette which will wear our colors in the Inter College Hockey League has not played together yet this year, but we have no hesitation in predicting that they will give a better account of themselves in much faster company. Gilbert, who is by long odds the star of the whole team, played in only one match on the tour, and he will dazzle the Presbyterians at Kingston next Friday. And even though the touring team, as a whole, has not displayed even mediocre skill, yet, some of the men have distinguished themselves, and the experience they have gained will undoubtedly help them some in the championship contests. Lash has received most flattering notices in the newspaper reports, and it is certain that the Toronto net will be well guarded. Wilkie Evans and "Doc" Wright should be able to take good care of any ordinary forward line, and the U. of T. defence will be as strong as any. "Billy" Wood at centre has played a great game throughout the tour, and his shooting is away above par. Dillabaugh, the Morrisburg crack, has also played a splendid game; but how we miss Gibson and Broder! Jamieson, a Freshman from Guelph, joined the team when the tour was almost completed, and he seems to be a promising player.

We are now put upon our metal. The success or failure of the hockey team rests almost entirely upon the amount of enthusiasm with which the Undergraduates support it. There are several first-class players who have not yet turned out, through pressure of work. The management is most desirous that all should remember that they owe a duty to their *Alma Mater*, as well as to themselves, and they are earnestly requested to make some special effort to turn out to practice, and try for places on the teams. Every Undergraduate not playing has also a duty to perform, as he is expected to give the players his heartiest support by coming out to all the matches, and rooting for all that's in him.

The team which took the tour was composed of: Goal, Lash and Carruth; point, Evans (captain) and Lang; cover point, Wright and Brown; forwards, Wood, Caulfield, Dillabaugh Housser, Jamieson.

## FOOTBALL.

The report emanating from the Toronto dailies that the University of Toronto intended withdrawing from the Intercollegiate Rugby Football Union has been taken too seriously at

Kingston and Montreal. Consequently, during the holidays, Toronto students were somewhat surprised at reading the following extracts from The Kingston Whig and The Montreal Witness:

Kingston Whig—"Of the Canadian colleges, Toronto Varsity has shown the lowest standard of true sportsmanship. It was only after several years of nagging that it came into the Intercollegiate Hockey Union. Now that it cannot get its own way in the Intercollegiate Rugby Union, like a child it threatens to leave and join the O.R.F.U. unless the Burnside Rules are adopted. There is no chance of those rules being adopted next year, and therefore Varsity may have to get out. Had the Burnside rules been adopted in the Intercollegiate, Queen's would have stuck to that union, although opposed to the new system; so, no doubt, would McGill. But the big college up west hasn't enough intercollegiate spirit, and so desires to break away. Should it do so, and the College Union become disrupted, Queen's will apply for admission to the Quebec Rugby Union."

Montreal Witness—"The report received from Toronto to the effect that the Toronto Varsity Football Club would withdraw from the Intercollegiate Union has caused considerable surprise in local football circles. In fact, at McGill College, members of the club refuse to believe the report, as they declare it seems impossible for Varsity to take such an action as the withdrawal of its club from the Intercollegiate League.

"Mr. Louis Redford, manager of the McGill Football Club, said that he could not believe the report until he heard definitely from the Varsity Executive.

"'Why,' remarked Mr. Redford, 'to me such a step on the part of Varsity seems impossible. If the rumor proves correct I am at a loss to understand such an action.'

We who have witnessed similar spasms on the part of The Kingston Whig, were not greatly startled at the violence and wildness of its language, but for the benefit of students in the lower years we might say that there is no cause for alarm. It will be remembered that in the fall of 1900, when McGill was to play the final game in Toronto, and a victory for the former college would have given them the championship, while their defeat would leave Queen's at the top, The Whig held up its pious hands in horror at the report (no doubt manufactured in Kingston) that U. of T., out of spite, intended throwing the game to McGill. On that occasion, too, we were accused of showing a low standard of sportsmanship, among many other less mild things. We didn't hear anything about an apology from The Whig when Toronto proved the falsity of these reports by trouncing McGill.

Of course, we all recognize The Whig's divine right of censorship over the Canadian colleges, and its fine non-partisan spirit is greatly appreciated at Toronto. But we would humbly submit that The Whig has once more made a slight mistake in its reckonings.

It is not at all probable that Toronto will withdraw from the Union she was largely instrumental in organizing, but she would like more favorable consideration at that Union's hands. For several years our representatives have been striving to improve college football in Canada, and their support of the Burnside Rules is not a new thing, nor is it occasioned by our failure to win the championship this year, as some of our good friends in Kingston and Montreal suggest. It has been felt for some time that the public interest in football was being killed by the continuous scrimmaging, and consequent lack of exciting play, to which the game has degenerated. Now it takes a lot of money to run a football team, and, as that money must come from the public, every effort should be made to retain their interest in the sport. A most satisfactory solution of this problem was found in the Burnside Rules, and U. of T., after giving the rules a trial in the Mulock Cup series for two years, moved for their adoption in the C.I.R.F.U. The motion was

defeated through the opposition of Queen's and McGill. So the colleges will play under the old rough-and-tumble scrimmage rules again next year, while the O.R.F.U. has adopted the snap-back rules which were drawn up by a college man.

The University of Toronto football team will thus, by remaining in the Intercollegiate Union, have to endure the opposition of the O.R.F.U. team in Toronto, which will, no doubt, get by far the larger share of public patronage on account of playing an infinitely superior game from the spectators' point of view.

Let us repeat that there is little probability of Toronto's withdrawing from the C.I.R.F.U. But still we feel that the Union has not consulted its best interests in rejecting the U. of T. proposal. Moreover, the Union is not an everlasting body, and, to insure its permanence, it must give an unbiased consideration to the earnest and proper demands of its members.

The uncalled-for attack of The Whig is thoroughly characteristic of that choleric sheet, and is quite beneath our contempt. Despite its statements, the University of Toronto has always sustained a reputation for honest sportsmanship. We have ever made a good showing in all branches of sport, and our teams have always been composed wholly of bona-fide students. We have never registered down-town policemen in order to strengthen our scrimmage.

#### ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

On December 13, 1902, the Inter College Football Association held its annual meeting in the Gymnasium. A fair-sized crowd was present, considering that the day was stormy. The following officers were elected for the coming season:

Hon. President, Professor L. E. Horning; President, B. B. Patten (S.P.S.); Vice-President, R. Pearson (Victoria); Secretary-Treasurer, E. T. Hayes (University College).

The past season has been a very successful one for the Association. The matches have, for the most part, been excellent exhibitions. Good combination was the order of things in the Intermediate as well as in the Senior series.

School of Science are to be congratulated on winning both series—University College I. in the Senior, and City Teachers in the Intermediate series, being the runners-up. Both S.P.S. teams put up a good fight for the Provincial honors, and were only beaten by one goal in each case. The expenses of these final matches were large, and the receipts small, so that the Association comes out about even financially. There are some rumors that the Association will consist only of clubs of the affiliated colleges next season—yet, it would seem too bad to put out of the Association such good "sports" as McMaster, Trinity and City Teachers, whose clubs have been faithful supporters of the League.

#### GYMNASIUM CLUB.

Preparatory to their tour, the Gymnasium Club held a promenade band concert and assault-at-arms in the Armouries, Saturday, December 27, 1902. The Globe thus reports it:

"The promenade band concert and assault-at-arms held under the auspices of the University of Toronto gymnasium team at the Armouries on Saturday night did not draw a crowd in any way proportionate to the quality of the entertainment. Not more than five or six hundred people, including a great number of ladies, were in attendance, and, taking the applause which greeted the various 'turns' as a criterion, the performance was a decided success. Under the direction of Sergt. Williams, the gymnasium class did some splendid work on the vaulting horse, the parallel bars, horizontal bars and on the mat. Considerable proficiency was exhibited by all the participants, and Sergt. Williams had every reason to be pleased with his pupils. The sparring bouts, by T. Loudon and C. Reid, in the lightweight class, and Champion Lou Scholes and Sergt. Williams, in the heavyweight, were fine exhibitions of

the hit-and-get-away game. S. P. Biggs and Greig, bayonet v. bayonet; Forbes and Baldwin, sabre v. sabre, and Wood and Baldwin, sword v. bayonet, put a lot of vigor into their contests, while the burlesque sword bout provided by Grant and Latremouille, who were mounted on dummy horses, excited much amusement. Considerable skill was shown by Greig and Baldwin and Millman and Forbes in the fencing contests, and some lively buffets were exchanged by R. Biggs and S. P. Biggs, and Grant and Latremouille in the quarter-bout. The band of the 48th Highlanders played a choice selection of popular airs during the evening. The officers of the Gymnasium Club, who had charge of the affair, were: Hon. President, J. F. McCurdy, B.A., Ph.D.; President, W. H. Carveth; Vice-President, W. A. Greig; Secretary Treasurer, Allan Adams, B.A.

#### ATHLETICS.

The year just closed has been a very successful one with the University of Toronto Athletic Association. At a special meeting of the Association, held on December 18, 1902, the retiring secretary, Mr. R. M. Millman, presented his report of the finances for the year 1902. The Association was shown to have a balance on hand of \$613.90. The statement follows:

#### Balances.

Rugby Club.....	\$213 91
Gymnasium Club.....	240 00
Tennis Club.....	11 85
Rink account.....	211 08
Dance account.....	275 70
Total.....	\$952 54

#### Deficits.

Track Club.....	\$172 32
Hockey Club.....	152 14
Baseball Club.....	10 34
Fencing Club.....	3 84
Total.....	\$338 64

#### NOTES OF COLLEGE SPORT.

Wilkie Evans is captain of the First Hockey Team.

"Billy" Slane is training the U. of T. Hockey Team.

The rink has been greatly enlarged this year, and promises to be more popular than ever.

Dr. "Kenny" Gibson, of Ottawa, who played centre on last year's team, joined the tourists at Smith's Falls, and saved them from a worse defeat.

Dr. Merrill has returned to Queen's, and is turning out with the Presbyterians. He is one of the best cover-points playing the game.

"Billy" Wood is playing a very fast and aggressive game this year. He may be counted upon to do lots of scoring, as he is a particularly vicious shot.

Heyd, who was expected to prove one of the stars of this year's hockey team, was so badly injured in the game at the Soo that he may be unable to play again this year.

The Dining Hall Hockey League will be immediately reorganized, and some warm contests may be expected. The "Ram's Pastures" and "Pancakes" both have all their last year's teams available, and some good new blood will be introduced.

A strong effort is being made to induce Darcy Nethercott, of the Dental College, to get into the game. Two years ago, Darcy was the star of the Woodstock team, and was called the fastest forward in Western Ontario. He would greatly strengthen the U. of T. forward line.

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Mr. Tom McCall is back again, fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mr. McTavish thinks McMaster and its dinner were all right, and we have to take his word for it!

Mr. Charlie Kneister told of his trip to the Forest City, of the dinner and reception, but didn't tell us what he said!

The boys are getting down to work on the "home stretch," even Hec. and Arthur have "cut out" the theatres from now until May!

A happy event occurred on Christmas Day at Cass City, Mich., when Miss Laura Wickware was married to Mr. Robert F. Foster (Our Bob) of Fourth Year.

Mr. Ed. Gray has returned from Welland, where he cared for a smallpox case. His patient didn't die—notwithstanding the report that that was the cause of Ed's early return.

"The Varsity" and the "Meds." wish "Bob" and his estimable bride a long, happy life, filled with all the good things that can come to people in this life.

Scene on G.T.R. train (from Stratford to Toronto)—Discussion on "Bye-Elections":

Quinlan: "I tell you, Jack, the party is as pure as the driven snow!"

Robb: "May be! But the snow must have had a long drive!"

Mr. Dan Sweeney was at Queen's dinner—and although he has nearly recovered, he assured the boys that he had eaten a "three-cornered menu." The speeches were excellent, but Dan didn't like the president's unfortunate habit of calling time. He says he had just reached the climax "From ocean to ocean," when time was up!

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Junior.

"George" has a new assistant.

The motto-maker has done some good things in his day, but he caught the spirit of '05 when he said "Get Busy."

Mr. Charles Stapleford, '05, was laid up in the hospital during the holidays, but is to be with us again in the very near future quite recovered.

Truly we are no prophet. The new building is still a long, long way from being ready for occupancy, and it is two weeks' past the new year.

'05 is proud of Mr. J. A. Rae, who gallantly, and at a considerable personal risk, stopped a milkman's horse on Wednesday, as it was running away on College street.

Through the efforts of the Medical Society Executive a special rate has been secured for Varsity Meds on the Victoria Rink for the season. The movement meets the favor of the students generally, and the sale of tickets has been satisfactory thus far.

Everyone knows the effect of imbibing alcohol when it is just plain "Scotch" or "Usher," but a Second-Year man wants to wager on the result of taking "Alpha-Gamma Primary—secondary Butyl alco-

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hol." We suggest that he might have difficulty in naming his fourth potation.

Messrs. McMane and S. J. Boyd, of '05, returned to work on Thursday. Duty in the way of serving an inhibitory function over the public pulse in North Perth was the cause of the delay. Mr. Sinclair did a like service in North Grey on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the 6th, the Professors each and all wished the students A Happy New Year and straightaway began a brain-tiring discussion on some part of their several subjects. A kind wish certainly and possibly a kind intention of helping to promote their happiness, but we suppose that they believe the "Blessed be Drudgery" doctrine.

The Medical Society Executive are formulating a plan for an entertainment to be held at the end of this month or beginning of next. Whether it will take the form of a concert or a popular lecture has not been decided. Outside talent will provide the programme, at any rate.

We have not had an earlier opportunity to refer to the Class Pin of '06, which came out at the end of last term. Its design is original and a distinct departure from the pins of the other years, but we question if it will ever be adopted as a Faculty pin as we hoped it might be before we saw it. However, we congratulate the Class on the fact that their "yet unblazoned shield" of the dinner card has been blazoned so strikingly.

The end of the term was saddened by the death of Mr. W. K. Sullivan, of Picton, who was a member of the Class of '06. Mr. Sullivan was taken ill early in December, and after being at the hospital here for a while was taken to his home, where the end came a few days before his Class broke up for the holidays. Mr. Sullivan was a bright young man and had many friends among his fellow-students, who most sincerely mourn his loss.

A chapter of accidents might be written with medical students figuring as principals, and the Christmas holidays as the time. Mr. Vanderlip had a fall from a wagon, spraining both wrists, so that he is unable to write, and Mr. McKinley did something to one of his extension tendons, while walking, so that he moves haltingly. Surely the day of the airships ought to be near at hand when the railroad slays its hundreds and driving is unsafe and when walking on a level road is to work such damage.

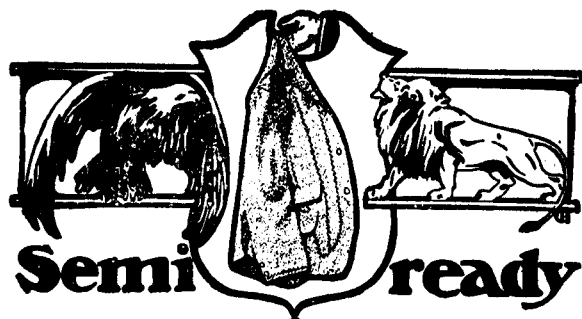
And now the hockey season is upon us in earnest and once again we ask what are the Medical students going to do

about it? The School of Science need the Jennings Cup to complete their collection of trophies, and the Dentals evidently have no intention of aiding them in securing it. The Cup would look well in the new college hall, but trophy or no trophy, Varsity Meds. ought to put a team on the ice and at best give the winners a run for their prize.

We hear that the recent term examinations in the Third Year brought some rich reading to the examiners, but, of course, a Sophomore must not hold a Junior up to ridicule. This time it is not necessary, as the Chemistry exams.

held just before the holidays called forth some answers that were bad enough for anyone. An anhydride was defined by a candidate for the First Year Scholarship as "substance having a flat, soapy feel like common salt," and oxygen was said to be prepared by "passing air into a red-hot solution of iron-filings," and nitrogen by the "electrolysis of air."

According to the constitution the nomination of officers in the Medical Society takes place on the third Friday of January and the election the Friday following. The laity makes no sign, but the knowing ones are at the work of organ-



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ization, and we may expect to see two or three full tickets offered by as many groups of nominators, who have given the subject thought and picked their men. Now is the time to make grievances heard and so compel discussion at the nominations. Everyone is weary of the "thank-my-mover-and-second-and-I'll-do-my-best-please-vote-for-me" speeches, and would like to have some points aired a little. The week between nominations and elections is no time for the necessary kicking and proposals for reform. The policies have all been announced before then and we fervently hope that somebody is going to propose something definite this time along with his assurance that he has never had office and wants it badly. When the old order changeth we look for a more vigorous new than has been and hope that more than a group photograph will remain as a monument to their efforts.

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have been particularly successful in this "social settlement" work, and, as an experiment, the Christian Association of University College has organized two Boys' Clubs, one in "The Ward," one in the Broadview Institute in the extreme east end. The former is an evening club, the latter meets in the afternoon, and if the work that has been started is to be maintained, more fellows must be secured to assist in looking after them. Any fellow who knows a few simple gymnastic exercises can keep fifty kids busy for a half-hour, and they wait for a chance to tumble on the mat or swing on the ladder with impatience.

The committee in charge of this work requires about sixteen fellows, each for an hour a week, in order to maintain these clubs properly. Toronto is considerably behind other Universities in large cities in philanthropic work; and the time that one spends in helping these boys in the slums is not in the least wasted. Any fellows who are willing to help, or who would like to visit the clubs, are asked to see Mr. Andrew Thompson, Mr. H. M. Darling, or Mr. R. B. Cochrane at the earliest opportunity.

### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

There is skating at the Varsity Rink. Tambourine music has come into favor around the Union.

The Mathematical Society held its first meeting for the term on Friday.

The last day for entries for the Oratory Contest is fixed for to-morrow.

The Graduating-Class groups will not be out for a considerable time yet.

The attendance at the dining-hall is increasing. Every table is now filled daily.

If you value your life don't ask Mr. Hunter when the Year-Book will be out.

Report says that Mr. Stinson, president of '06, does not intend to return this term.

Mr. Brown, '03, of Warton, is a new student who has enrolled in '05 Mathematics.

Mr. R. B. Fudger, of Oxford, formerly of the Class of '03, is home on account of illness.

Many inquiries have been made as to why the conditions of the snow bet have not yet been carried out.

Mr. G. Powell, Hamilton, has the sympathy of his fellow-students in the death of his sister during the holidays.

Mr. Stewart, '05, Natural Science, was ill during the holidays and was forced to spend a week in the General Hospital.

Mr. H. T. Wallace, B.A., '02, of Divinity Hall, Queen's University, was up shaking hands with old Varsity friends on Tuesday.

Mr. J. Blue, '06, did some effective stumping in the recent North Grey bye-election in the interest of the Liberal candidate.

Mr. W. Woodroffe, B.A., '02, was revisiting his old haunts last week. Mr. Woodroffe is curate of Memorial Church, London.

The meeting of the Third Year, which was called for Monday, was postponed to allow all to attend the special meeting of the Lit.

The Year of '04 has already taken steps towards getting out a Year-Book. A meeting of the Year has been called for Monday afternoon.

Messrs. Gillies and Munro, University of Toronto representatives on the Queen's debate, are patiently biding their time till the details are settled, after which the onset will be all the greater.

At a '03 Year meeting on Thursday morning, called to elect a man for the Inter-Year debate in the place of Mr. W. H. McGuire, resigned, Mr. E. F. Hughes was chosen. Mr. E. R. Read is the other '03 man in this debate. Messrs. Waddell and Mathieson will represent '05.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. Arthur Cohen, on account of the death of his brother, Mr. Graham Cohen, M.A., '98, in Edinburgh, recently, where he was taking a Medical course. Mr. Arthur Cohen went to Edinburgh to arrange for the funeral.

The second game in the City Chess League will take place between the Y. M. C. A. and the University of Toronto Chess Clubs on Thursday evening at the Y.M.C.A. parlors. The last game resulted in a tie, but President Treadgold thinks that, with some organized cheering, we will win this time.

The Classical Association held its annual meeting on Tuesday afternoon. Miss M. E. Scott read a paper on "The Historical Value of the Speeches of Thucydides," and Mr. J. C. Lorriman, one on Plato's "Theory of the Fall of States." Mr. Lorriman considered the fall of the States in Greece and Rome and pointed out the striking exemplification of Plato's theory in the case of Rome.

The dining-hall hockey league's opening cannot be put off much longer. Mr. Treadgold brought his skates down with him and threatens to buy a hockey stick in the near future. Mr. Goldie is doing some hard training on the track every day, and "Doc" Colquhoun is aching to don his picturesque suit again.

Among the Graduates who have been around the old halls recently are the following: Miss E. M. Fleming, B.A., '00, at present teacher of Moderns at the Sarnia C. I.; Miss M. A. Dickie, B.A., of '99, Stirling; Mr. A. I. Fisher, B.A., and Mr. P. Carson, B.A., both of the Class of '01, and both at present in the Government service at Ottawa; Mr. N. S. Shenstone, B.A., '01, who is studying Medicine in Columbia University, at New York; Miss M. E. Hunter, B.A., teacher in a technical school in New York City; Mrs. Jeffrey (nee Street), of Cambridge; Miss Kirkwood, of Stratford C. I.; Dr. F. S. Wrinch, of the Psychological Department, Princeton; Mr. W. K. Stewart, B. A., '97, of the staff of Dartmouth College, and Miss E. E. Scott, B.A., '97.

### SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Mr. J. M. R. Fairbairn, '93, has lately become resident engineer on the C. A. R. at Ottawa.

From "Bob" Bryce's beaming countenance, we should judge he got a rabbit's foot in his stocking.

Mr. W. F. Ratz, '02, is now engaged in the Topographical Surveys branch of the Department of the Interior.

Messrs. Evans, Housser, Dillabough and Lang were touring the country last week with the Varsity hockey team.

Professor Rosebrugh is still unable to leave his bed and possibly will not be able to resume his work again this year.

Extract from "Joe" Hayes' notebook: "The observer hadn't his solar plexus in the field with him on that day."

Have you heard "Brigham" Young's selected hymns? Continuous performances in the Miner's Menagerie, Second Year.

Since the crowning triumph of wireless telegraphy, congratulations by the bushel have been pouring in on Messrs. Larkworthy and Marconi.

Mr. H. S. Hull, '95, has recently accepted a position with The Vulcan Iron Works, manufacturers of mining machinery, etc., Wilkesbarre, Pa.

Mr. "Billy" Elwell is around again after his long confinement in Swiss Cottage Hospital. It is not likely that he will return to the School this year.

Mr. W. R. Ainley, '05, reports an exciting time during the holidays. Elections were in the air, and the honorable gentleman has a weakness for those things.

Three ladies have signified their intention of taking the Civil-Engineering course at Cornell. We regard with awe the advent of the first lady Civil at the School.

Mr. W. E. Wagner, B.A.Sc., has been appointed to the Fellowship in Mechanical Engineering in succession to Mr. Craig. Mr. Wagner assumed his duties a few days before the close of last term.

Unfortunately Mr. E. L. Burgess, '03, has up to the present been unable to leave the hospital, where he has been confined since the middle of last month as the result of the operation for appendicitis. It probably will not be long now, however, before he will be able to resume his work.

At a mass meeting held on December 15 Mr. A. E. Gibson was elected to attend the annual dinner of the School of Mining, Queen's University, held on the 17th of that month. Mr. J. F. Hamilton, treasurer of the Dinner Committee, presented his report showing a balance of zero dollars and as many cents.

The Sophies and Freshies thought it most fitting and proper to celebrate the close of last term by a mass parade before them who sit in high places and dispense justice to seekers after that commodity. As a spectacular event it was probably unrivalled in the history of the School, yet, many who participated, didn't enjoy it. What do some people want, anyway?

The Toronto Engineers are certainly holding their own at indoor baseball. They have already won five games and lost none, which, being interpreted, will probably mean that they will win out in their section. On Thursday night last they defeated "B" Co., Q.O.R., by a score of 22 to 7. The Engineers' team was composed of Allison, Baldwin, Beatty, Charlebois, Chown, Reynolds, Ross and Williams.

At the School a great deal of reluctance is manifested toward once more leading a strenuous existence. Lagers behind stroll in from day to day with countenances that plainly exhibit more affection for roast turkey and plum-pudding than for thermodynamics and strength of materials, and well might there be some timorousness in decreasing the distance between us and the grinning demon that stalks about the land during the last days of April and precipitates poor unfortunates into chaos.

Mr. Kennard Thompson, C.E., New York, who, it will be remembered, was one of the fathers of the Engineering Society, has lately gone to considerable



trouble and expense in having circular letters distributed far and wide among the Graduates of the School, pointing out the fact that they were not giving the Society the financial support that they should, and suggesting contributions to its revenue. He also suggested that the Society might be induced to publish the names and addresses of all the members once a year, and, in addition, mail a circular once a month to all members, giving changes of address, etc. He has frequently found it necessary to employ men from other institutions, simply because he couldn't locate School men in a hurry. This is a very important matter, evidently greatly affecting the chances of employment of School Graduates, and if there is any scheme, for example, such as Mr. Thompson suggests, by which those chances can be improved, we should like to hear of it.

**WYCLIFFE COLLEGE.**

Rev. W. F. Carpenter visited the College last week.

Mr. Taylor is the new president of the Literary Society.

Mr. W. H. Smith reports a good time at the McMaster "At Home."

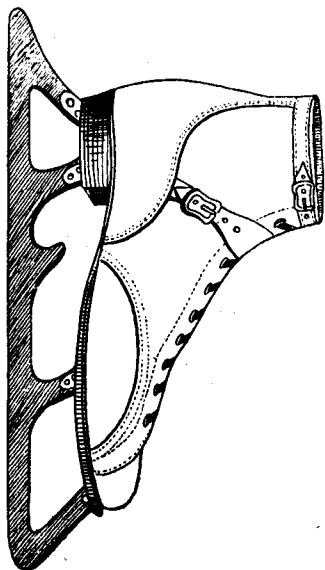
Ping-pong is raging and it is whispered may be added to the curriculum for First Year men.

Hockey is booming and we hope soon to have a team of good players and a natty uniform on the ice.

The Christmas vacation passed all too quickly and the men are again settled down to work. Messrs. Hull and Purdie visited Boston, Messrs. Smith and Jones, Ottawa, and Johnston, Halifax.

Mr. Millman has accepted the position of resident master in the Junior Department of Ridley College, and leaves this week to assume his duties. By his removal Wycliffe loses her Literary Society president, an able debater, and a good fellow generally.

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**KNOX COLLEGE.**

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Dr. Johnston, of London, as lecturer in Homiletics during this term.

The work of the College was resumed on Wednesday. Most of the students have returned, but a few are still holidaying spite the injunction "Hinder me not."

It seems rather prophetic that such an ardent friend of McMaster University should be elected mayor in conjunction with the passing of a by-law to purchase a new engine for the city waterworks.

The two Scholarships of the value of \$50 each awarded for essays handed in last October were won by R. J. Wilson and N. A. Campbell. R. J. Wilson has returned from Vancouver, where he has been supplying the pulpit in St. Andrew's Church during the last two months.

The last meeting of the Literary Society was the most successful of the series from the standpoint of discussion. Mr. Little's paper on "Nussiam Hope," was clear, radical, and convincing and was a worthy follower of the two papers which preceded. The discussion, which was ably opened by Mr. Kitchen, lasted for over an hour. It is a matter of regret that more of the students do not appreciate this way of considering modern theological problems.

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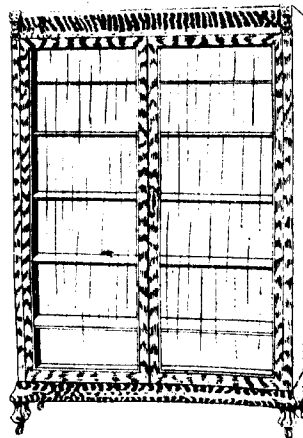
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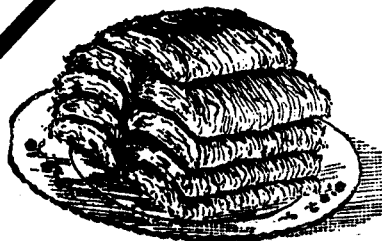
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