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While the football season still continues, though drawing to a close, a word or two, to show how brilliantly footballers shine after leaving Upper Canada, would not be amiss. We will first notice the 'Varsity Team that played "Queen's," on Saturday, October 31st, it claiming more of our old boys than almost any team that has ever played in this city; out of the fifteen there being eleven of them. We do not altogether refer to the number, but to the brilliancy of the play of each, which hardly could have been better, and which one might say had been acquired on the old King Street grounds. Next, looking at the Osgoode Team, that distinguished themselves so highly in defeating Hamilton, the same day as 'Varsity downed Queen's, and who played the latter for the championship, on November 6th, we find that almost half of the team, and the best half at that, are old boys. Indeed, in concluding, we might truthfully say, that there is hardly a Rugby team in the Province in which some old U. C. College boy does not play.

It is a matter of some regret to us that the farmers and others living in the neighborhood are becoming so prejudiced against the College. While we do not mind the opinions of such people

very much, it does seem to us that a little better feeling between our boys and the natives would be preferable to the antagonistic relations prevailing at present. They seem to think that the chief end of the boys' lives is to annoy them as much as possible, and they are expressing this belief both in words and deeds. An instance of the way they treat our boys is to be seen in the dog-in-the-manger stand which they have taken regarding the riding of bicycles on a sidewalk built, we understand, for the especial convenience of College boys. Every farmer seems to be a policeman in plain clothes, and it is no uncommon sight to see them stopping bicyclists and insulting them. In fact they have gone so far as to serve writs on some of the boys for this criminal offence. A paper printed in the neighborhood expresses in vigorous, if inelegant and ungrammatical language, its indignation against the rascality and rowdyism of the students, and accuses them, unjustly we hope, of conduct unbecoming to gentlemen. It also suggests the pressing need of police protection to keep the boys down! Would it not be more to the purpose, oh advocate of law and peace, for you to turn your attention to real and not imaginary grievances, and draw the attention of those in high places - your councillors, for instance—to the bad state of the roads around the college? Then you will have done your duty to the commonwealth—or township, if you prefer it—and can die in peace. The fact of the matter is, that the good people around here are simply jealous of us and the "new fangled notions" on which some of us ride.

Apropos of the writs above-mentioned we must say that we think the decision the "Supreme Court" of York County came to was very unjust. Of course the farmers have the law on their side, but still, we think, that they, egged on as they were by our eloquent cotem., need not have been so churlish and disagreeable in this little affair. As it is they may shake hands with each other, joyful at having for once got ahead of the "high-faluting" Upper Canada College boys.

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## LOVED AND LOST AWHILE.

Give me the friends of my childhood again,  
 Call back the forms of the loved ones of yore;  
 I am so weary with watching in vain,  
 Waiting for friends that return nevermore.  
 Many are sleeping beneath the dark waters that  
 lie in the depths of the fathomless sea;  
 Many are hidden in green sunny meadow or far-  
 away forest and come not to me.

Friendships surround me, yet sadly I roam:  
 Fame sings my praises, yet heedless I hear;  
 Memory still clings to my childhood's old home,  
 Silent, forsaken, this many a year.  
 Green are the graves of the loved ones that gathered  
 and played round its portals in innocent glee;  
 Long have I waited, alone and sad-hearted; the  
 friends of my childhood come never to me.

Home of the past, I shall see it no more—  
 Scenes of the past, they are fading from view—  
 Songs of the past, they grow fainter and far—  
 Friends of the past, I am coming to you.  
 Far down the river that floats on forever they  
 rest on the shores of an echoless sea,  
 And though the mists cover, I know that just over  
 the friends of my childhood are waiting for me.

G. W. JOHNSON.

EARLY DAYS OF UPPER CANADA  
COLLEGE.

## THE FOUNDING OF THE COLLEGE.

*Second Paper.*

While preparations for building were being made, the work of selecting masters for the new college had progressed. Mr. J. P. de la Haye, who had been appointed French Master, was the first to arrive, and was introduced by Sir John Colborne to the Board, at a meeting held in September. The Governor announced that the three English gentlemen, appointed as a committee for the purpose of electing a Principal and several masters for the new school, had secured competent men for these positions, who would arrive in Canada about November: it was necessary, he said, to endeavor to have the school opened very shortly after their arrival, and to hasten the preparations in order to bring that about.

The District School-house had now been moved, repainted and fitted up to accommodate the pupils

of the new College until their own building was erected. On the 17th December, the following announcement appeared in the *Upper Canada Gazette*:—

“Upper Canada College established at York. Visitor, the Lieutenant-Governor, for the time being. This college will open after the approaching Christmas vacation, on Monday, the 8th of January, 1830, under the conduct of the masters appointed at Oxford by the Vice-Chancellor and other electors in July last. Principal, the Rev. J. H. Harris, D. D., late Fellow of Clare Hall, Cambridge; Classical Department, Vice-Principal, the Rev. T. Phillips, D. D., of Queen's College, Cambridge; First Classical Master, the Rev. Chas. Matthews, M. A., of Pembroke Hall, Cambridge; Second Classical Master, the Rev. W. Boulton, B. A., of Queen's College, Oxford; Mathematical Department, the Rev. Charles Dade, M. A., Fellow of Caius College, Cambridge, and late Mathematical Master at Elizabeth College; French, Mr. J. P. de la Haye; English, Writing and Arithmetic, Mr. G. A. Barber, and Mr. J. Fadfield; Drawing, Mr. Drury. (Then follow the terms, etc.) Signed, G. H. Markland, Secretary to the Board of Education, York, Upper Canada, December 2, 1829.”

But it was soon seen that the contractor for the new College had undertaken a work he could not accomplish, and it was taken out of his hands and finished under the supervision of officials appointed by the Governor.

Meanwhile the College classes were carried on in the old District School until 1831, when the entire staff and pupils were moved into the building on King Street west.

A slight description of the old Blue School might not be amiss, and as it was so closely identified with Upper Canada College it is, perhaps, only proper to give one.

The old school, which was raised in 1816, originally occupied a site near the south-west corner of the school-square, a hundred odd feet north of Adelaide (then Newgate) Street, and the same distance from Church Street, being in fact directly east and north of where the present Public Library building now stands. In shape it was a parallelogram, nearly seventy feet deep, and with a frontage of forty feet. It was a two-storeyed building, the entrance being on the western side. The boards which covered the

stout frame-work had been smoothed by a jack-plane, and then painted a dull slate blue, while, to vary the color, the door and window frames were painted white. The upper storey of the building was used as a public hall for concerts and lectures much more than for any school purpose. The interior presented a very rough and rude aspect, and the furniture was quite in keeping with the wood-work. Much as the painter's brush had been laid on the outside of the building, it had not even a sight acquaintance, so to speak, with the inside. What a contrast with the College of to-day! After the pupils had moved into the new edifice, the old school was closed for some years, until, in 1836, it was reopened again for a time, in consequence of an agitation on the part of the east-end citizens, who wished to have a school in that locality. But it gradually became dismantled, and at last degenerated into a depot for "general stock," or, in other words, a receptacle for rags and old iron. Some years ago it was pulled down, but stores and houses rapidly went up on the old site, thus completely destroying a once famous old landmark.

(To be continued.)

### SONG.

I'm weary with living 'mid ceaseless clamour,  
 I will create me a world anew,  
 And cast around it my fancy's glamour,  
 As a veil to soften every view,  
     Where no sin dwelleth,  
     Where Love's song swelleth,  
 In rising chorus, the whole land through.

O'er that fair earth at pleasure roving,  
 Through woods alive with song of bird,  
 Amid vast towns where throngs are moving  
 And only words of joy are heard,  
     My spirit is gliding,  
     Love's own self guiding,  
 And by his presence my soul is stirred.

Speeding over my world of splendour  
 I bathe in its waters of liquid blue, [der  
 O'er hills clad with verdure and flowers more ten-  
 Than any our sad earth ever knew,  
     O'er ocean and mountain,  
     By river and fountain,  
 I pass, and the old world fades from view.

W. W. EDGAR.

## Sports and Pastimes.

### GYMNASTIC COMPETITION.

#### INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS.

It is a practice lately introduced to separate competitors into classes according to weight or height. It is asserted that a tall boy ought to leap further and higher than a short boy, and that a light weight is no match for a heavy weight. That in consequence some allowance ought to be made in favour of small boys and light weights. In leaping, for instance, each boy should be expected to clear his own height, 60 inches cleared by a boy 60 inches high, being deemed equivalent to 70 inches cleared by a boy ten inches taller. Now, though we admit there is some force in this way of reasoning, we cannot advocate the introduction of this principle into our competitions. It is our aim to reward the boys most efficient for the exercises in which they compete, quite irrespective of their natural capacities, their weight or height. Nor is this singular. In schools, where prizes are awarded for mental achievements, no one has ever thought of making an allowance for a deficiency of brains.

We will now give a short notice of the various exercises most suitable for competitions.

*The Horizontal Bar.* The bar should be 7 ft. 6 in. above the ground; it is usual to require each competitor to do one or more "set" exercises which are obligatory.

This practice is not objectionable if the exercises are chosen discreetly: when there are two exercises one should be a feat of mere strength (slow movement), the other an exercise requiring a certain amount of address and skill. At the same time these exercises should not deter a less expert performer whilst allowing full scope to a proficient one to exhibit his skill. One or more exercises are then left at the choice of each competitor. Five marks or less (as may be agreed upon) are allowed for each exercise, and it is understood that the highest number can be awarded only for every difficult exercise performed to perfection. Particular attention should be paid to the manner in which the gymnast gets on the bar and how he leaves it. Competitors must not be allowed to string together a mass of exercises in the hope of getting a higher number

of marks; they must confine themselves to one exercise only.

*Parallel Bars.* The bars should be 4 ft. high and 18 in. apart. The marks are awarded in the same manner as at the horizontal bar. The horse should be 3 ft. 6 in. high with spring board attached; the marks are awarded on the same principles as on the horizontal bar.

#### THE MACDONALD CUP.

On Wednesday, Nov. 4th, under a cloudy sky and in rather cool weather, the race for Mr. Macdonald's handsome silver cup came off. Only about fifteen competitors lined up on the northern touch-line of the football field, much to the disgust of the donor of the cup, who had expected to see a much larger turn out. But he gave the word for them to go, and off they went at a lively rate, which they did not keep up very long. The course, some six miles in length, was a very rough one for boys, consisting in the main of ploughed fields or steep hills. It was well marked out by flags, but, nevertheless, a misunderstanding arose which resulted in the judges ordering the race to be run over again on Saturday, the 7th. The race on Wednesday, as was soon seen, was entirely between Croft and Burnside. The latter stuck well to his more speedy rival until the last ploughed field was reached, when his legs went to pieces and he was compelled to slacken up. The third to show up was Snyder with White close behind him. Robinson and W. P. Eby came in together, and then Doug. Eby, but quite a piece behind the others. The next and last to arrive was Piper. Many thought that Snyder, who cut no corners, should have been given the cup, but a decision of "No race" was given.

On Saturday about the same field turned out, and as before Croft came in ahead. Bricker, who ran a plucky race throughout, was second, and W. P. Eby third. Burnside, who came second in the preceding race, was unfortunately seized with a cramp when the race was about half over and had to drop out. The steward's prize of a plum cake was awarded to Ross, who was the last to come in. Croft's time in the second race—40 minutes—was very good, considering the course and the fact that he had

already run in a hard race a couple of days before. Mr. Hull and Mr. Jackson were the judges at the finish.

#### BOXING AND FENCING CONTEST.

The rules which Sergeant has decided upon for his contests are as follows:—

*Boxing*—There shall be three rounds contested, of three minutes' duration each, and one minute interval between each round. The contestants shall wear light shoes without spikes. The result shall be decided by two judges and a referee, or by a referee only, as desired.

The competitors will be divided into two classes, termed feather-weight and light-weight.

*Feather-weight*—Boys under 112 pounds.

*Light-weight*—Boys under 140 pounds.

Two medals will be awarded.

*Fencing*—The only hits which count are those hit with the foil on those parts of the body on which it is agreed they shall count. Each hit counts one point.

When a hit is effected the one receiving the hit must acknowledge it in a suitable manner; should he not do so but strike his opponent instead, the blow is a foul one.

After a hit is effected both combatants must retire to guard out of distance. Should either strike his opponent before coming to guard, such blow is a foul one.

A combatant giving a foul blow shall have one point for each such foul blow deducted from his score, and if more than two foul blows are given he will be disqualified from taking further part in the contest.

Gloves and masks must be worn. The contestant getting the greatest number of points wins the championship.

#### FOOTBALL.

##### TRINITY vs. U. C. C.

The College played Trinity University on Oct. 28th on Trinity lawn. It was about 4 o'clock before the game was started. When the teams lined up it could easily be seen that Trinity's team was heavier than the College. Following is a list of the teams:—

TRINITY.

Back . . . . . Hamilton.  
 Halves . . . . . Laing, Grant, McCarthy, D.  
 Quarter . . . . . Wragge.  
 Wings . . . . . Wadsworth, Cayley, Jones H.,  
                                 Wright, McCarthy, Mc-  
                                 Chadwick.  
 Forwards . . . . . Ferguson, Jones A., McKenzie,  
                                 McDonald.

U. C. C.

Back . . . . . Crerar.  
 Halves . . . . . McMurrich, Leslie, Waldie.  
 Quarter . . . . . Robinson.  
 Wings . . . . . Eby, Mill, Barr, Macdonald,  
                                 Mullin, Burnside, Snyder.  
 Forwards . . . . . White, Suter, Mr. Passmore.

McMurrich kicked off first for the College, but one of the boys being off side it was brought back and a scrimmage formed at half way. Trinity gradually worked the ball down towards the College goal, and McCarthy by a fine run secured a touch in goal for Trinity. Again U. C. C. tried to rush the ball, but Trinity was too strong for them and forced the ball back almost on the College line, where by a knock forward by Grant Trinity added one more point. As soon as the ball was sent out again it was returned and White had to rouge. Afterwards Waldie rouged in much the same manner. Thus the score stood 4—0, in Trinity's favour. After a little more play Cayley succeeded in crossing the line and made a touch for Trinity, which was neatly kicked by Hamilton; score 10—0. Again Crerar had to rouge and McCarthy afterwards got another touch which he failed to kick, although he made a good attempt. The ball went down towards Trinity's line for a while, and there was some hope that College would score, but they did not follow up well so that it was sent back again and another rouge made; score 17—0. Shortly after this half time was called.

In the 2nd half, the boys put up a much better game than in the 1st, and although they did not succeed in scoring they kept Trinity's score down to 2 points which were got by one rouge and a touch in goal by Laing. During this half Snyder and Burnside made some brilliant dashes, but they could not get past the Trinity halves who played a magnificent game.

THE JUNIORS.

On Thursday, Oct. 29, the Juniors played a match with the "Thistles" on the Rosedale grounds. They had pretty nearly their own way during the whole game, their opponents showing want of team play, which was perhaps on account of their not having played together before. The College boys, on the other hand, showed by their play what good practice can do in a football team. In the first half, College kept the ball for the most part in the enemies twenty-five, and scored two touch downs in the 30 minutes of play. The Thistles did not score in this half but put up some good individual playing.

In the second half College again had the upper hand and obtained two touch downs, one of which through the good kicking of Crerar secured a goal for them; a rouge added another point to the College boys score, making it 19. In this half the Thistles scored four points from a tackle in goal. When time was called the score remained 19—4, in favour of U. C. C.

For the Juniors Eby, Counsell and Crerar undoubtedly played the best game, while Osler, McLaren and Edgar did well for the Thistles.

SECOND SENIORS' PRACTICE MATCH.

On Tuesday, November 3rd, a practice match was played on the College grounds between the 2nd Seniors and a team picked from several of the Toronto junior teams. Both sides showed very much want of practice and team play, but, although they came out behind, the Torontos put up the best game. One great fault of the College team was that they hardly ever heeled out of the scrimmage, and even when they did the opposite wings were immediately upon the halves. In the first half the only scoring done was a tackle in goal for College; the ball was kicked behind the goal and caught by McLaren, the Toronto full back, who was pounced upon before he could get the ball out from behind.

In the second half College scored again before Toronto could get any work in. The ball was dribbled behind the goal line and was touched down by Bull. The try resulted in no goal, although Crerar made a good attempt. The 2nd's score was further increased by a touch in goal and a rouge. Toronto now woke up and determined to at least tie the score. They had obtained a tackle in goal earlier in the half, and about

three minutes before time was called, the leather, which had been dribbled behind the College goal, was cleverly kicked out by Cosby. Smith, the Toronto half-back, however, being all alone with the ball, before College knew where it was, had dashed behind the line and secured a try for his side. This, however, resulted in nothing and time was immediately called. Score, 10-8, for College.

Cosby, Crerar and Eby did good work for the College team; and Burnside and MacLaren put up the best game for the other side.

#### THE COLLEGE JUNIORS vs. BISHOP RIDLEY JUNIORS.

On Saturday, the 24th of October, the U.C.C. junior team played the Bishop Ridley juniors on the grounds of the latter.

The long distance to St. Catharines made an early start necessary, and the sidewalk was still slippery and gleaming from the night's frost when, eager with expectation, we marched off down the drive to catch the 7.40 train from Union Station. But a railway journey is at best a dull thing, and, though the change at Hamilton gave an opportunity for the cheering diversion of chaffing the boys who were unlucky enough to have their homes there, yet our enthusiasm had of necessity cooled off before we reached St. Catharines. Here again we prepared to be severely ironical at the expense of the inhabitants; but the delightful drive from the station to the college, and the hospitable reception we met with there, disarmed our sarcasm, and we were forced to cast an almost-kindly eye upon the building and play-fields we longed to despise. We dined in the Hall with the Ridley boys, and afterwards they paddled us across the canal which runs, or rather crawls, between the college and the play-fields to the scene of the match. Our envy of their stretch of water we smothered with the thought of the absurdity of having to canoe across a dirty canal every time one wished to kick a football.

By about half-past two the teams were face to face ready to begin, with Mr. McClean of Bishop Ridley as referee. A small crowd of townspeople and masters as backers of the home team and two or three spare men to cheer on the U.C.C. boys. For a minute or two after the ball went off, the play was quiet enough; but it soon became evident that the silence meant determination rather than indifference. In less than five minutes the Ridley back was forced to rouge;

this was repeated again and then again, and in a quarter of an hour from the start our College had secured a try and F. L. Cosby had kicked a goal. From that point the game was an unbroken series of successes for our side. From scrimmage after scrimmage Putnam heeled out the ball, Counsell picked it up and passed it on, and the progress down the field was as steady as it was uniform in direction. At half-time the score stood 21 to 0 in our favor. The Ridley crowd, who had thought our boys slightly heavier at the start, now began to talk as if they were huge in comparison with their team; their hopeful expression gave way first to a serious and then to a pained look: and they confessed it was almost impossible for their team to make up the lost ground now. Our backers were, of course, jubilant; but being in a hopeless minority, thought it better taste to conceal their joy.

The second half was like the first, only more so. If the U.C.C. boys had passed well before, they did so better than ever now; while the Ridley team became quite demoralized. If one of their men got the ball for a run, or achieved any specially good bit of play—and there were several very good individual players,—the rest of the team stood still to admire when they ought to have followed him up, and the brilliant youth fell a victim to the combined action of our wings. Once, towards the close, the Ridley men mustered their powers to try to score one point, and got the ball past the centre of the field; but Norman Cosby was on it, and sent it back with a splendid kick towards the Ridley goal, and there it stayed till the game ended, and the referee declared a victory for the visiting team of 68 to 0.

The pained look on the faces of the Ridley crowd had long become acute, and had been succeeded by an attempt to wax ironical over the whole affair; but even these efforts were now given up, and they made their way down to their canoes with an expression of hopeless resignation.

It was a complete victory, a great and brilliant victory; and as we rode home our hearts were too full of the brotherly kindness that is begotten of good fortune to jeer any more at Hamilton or the Hamiltonians. The blissful consciousness of superiority has not yet died out of our bosoms, but glows again each time we hear the name of the Bishop Ridley Juniors.

## THE PORT HOPE MATCH.

On Wednesday, the 11th Nov., the day before Thanksgiving, our boys left Union Station by the 8.55 train for Port Hope to play Trinity College School at football, for the first time since 1883. The trip down on the train was very lively, and was made interesting to the few passengers who were not College boys by, among other things, a miniature football match, with a *Daily Mail* for a ball. In the course of the morning the sale of "prize packages" was very great, and many were the cries of delight at the value of the prize articles. Arrived at Port Hope the team was conveyed to the school, which is on the opposite side of the town to the station, by means of carriages supplied by the hosts. After the boys had reached the school and donned their suits the remainder of the time before dinner was spent in the new gymnasium and on the football field. About half-an-hour after the perhaps too sumptuous dinner, the teams lined up on the field as follows:—

T. C. S.: Jones (back); Senkler, Davis, Palmer (half-backs); Seagram (quarter-back); McGee, Ogilvie (Capt), Francis, Lottridge, Syer, Ballard (wings); Mr. Osborne, Mr. Watson, Osler, Cartwright (forwards).

U. C. C.: Gilmour (back); McMurrich, Leslie, Hargraft (half-backs); Waldie (quarter-back); Mill (Capt.), Eby, Barr, Snyder, Robinson, Burnside (wings); Mr. Passmore, White, Suter, Mullin (forwards). Alexis Martin (referee); Franchot, Maclaren (touch-line judges); Smith, Stairs (goal umpires).

The school won the toss and elected to kick with the wind, which was blowing quite strongly from the west. Notwithstanding this, the ball was quickly rushed to the red-and-black's end of the field and passed to McMurrich from a scrimmage, who kicked into touch in goal; U. C. C., one point. The ball was kicked out from quarter-way by Watson, but was returned by McMurrich, and shortly afterwards Leslie made a short dash and passed to Hargraft who made the run of the day, breaking right through many of the opposite side, and scoring a touch down. McMurrich failed to kick a goal. Score, 5-0 for U. C. C. The school now seemed to wake up, and for the rest of the half kept the leather for the most part in College territory. They, however, failed to score

a touch down, but made two successive rouges. Half-time was called with score 5-2.

The blue-and-white started the second three quarters of an hour by a determined advance towards Trinity's goal, and, through the combined play of Mill and Eby, secured a touch without a try. College, who now had the wind behind them, scored three rouges which brought their points up to a dozen. The wearers of the rouge et noir thought it was their turn and rushed the ball down the field; College stopped to claim an off-side and Seagram who had the ball passed to him got around Gilmour and secured a try for his colours, which Mr. Watson was not long in changing into a goal. Score 12-8, College still ahead. It did not take U. C. C. long after this to score two more rouges and the ball, having been kicked one way and another for a time, was finally punted into touch in goal by Davis. About five minutes before time was called Hargraft made another of his old-time lightning-express sprints and was about two yards from a touch down when he was roughly tackled by Davis and fell forward on his face into touch. Although knocked nearly senseless he continued playing and even got in another run but was forced to pass to Leslie who kicked so far behind the goal that Jones had to rouge. Time was then called with score 15-9 in favour of U. C. C. The game was a gentlemanly one throughout, none of that roughness and scrapping which used to characterize the games between the two schools being displayed. Most of the team stayed for supper and left for Toronto about eight o'clock. The home team obtained leave to accompany them to the depot and sent their visitors away with three cheers. Many of them had to connect in Toronto with trains for home and had the prospect of a very sleepless night. Others again were expecting to spend the night in dancing; but all agreed that they had had a very pleasant day and that they had been treated like gentlemen. We believe both schools are anxious for an annual football match as formerly and we hope that this will soon be arranged. We would like to point out a slight mistake in the *Empire's* account of the match. It says that "U. C. C. revenges its cricket defeat;" while there was no cricket defeat to revenge, since U. C. C. won their annual cricket match with T. C. S. this year by eight wickets.



## Locals and Personals.

Harry Gooderham 's back at last, after a long illness which has kept him away since the opening of the school. He was heartily welcomed by his many friends who were glad to see him round again.

While playing football the other day, Geo. O. Hayne suffered the misfortune of spraining his ankle. He has been at his home in the city ever since the accident, but we hope to see "Reddy" again soon.

We are pleased to be able to inform our readers that Mr. Martland has returned to Canada. He arrived a few days ago after a rather rapid voyage and no doubt is much gratified at the success of the foot-ball team here.

Boyd Caldwell, a cousin of the well-known Clyde, broke his collar-bone the other day. It seems that he was knocking about in the gym. and fell in some way and thus hurt himself. He was taken home by his cousin.

"Pat" Ferguson, '88, is now in a law office in the city. He is captain and quarter of the Osgoode 2nd football team this season, and although not champions, he got them down to work with his old time vivacity.

The other day Mr. Hull marked out the senior football grounds, preparatory to the making of the quarter-mile track and the levelling of the grounds. He had quite a number of assistants, especially in using the surveying instruments.

In arithmetic books on your vision t'will gleam  
That it takes twenty quires to make up a ream,  
But in College the rule is a liar,

For here in the hall

The question of all

Is how many (sc)reams to the choir.

We welcome back Geo. Henry, who has been spending the last few months in the Old Country. Last winter he fell on the ice and hurt his leg so badly that he was unable to get around for some time. We hope that now he will be able to successfully compete with his old classmates.

The following little dialogue is said to have taken place between a certain resident master and a sixth form boy:—

Master: How old are you? Sixth Form Boy: Nineteen: and have you reckoned the number of minutes since my birth? The number is startling—nine millions, three hundred and thirty-three thousand, two hundred—.

The master could stand it no longer, and is said to have fainted away, no doubt at the surprising knowledge of this mathematical genius, whom no one can compete with.

### AT FLAG NO. I.

Up the road came the schoolboy tread,  
M. D. Jackson running ahead.  
Under his slouch hat, left and right,  
He glanced, the white flag met his sight.  
Halt!—but the blue and white flew past;  
Fire!—and out blazed "Kirk's" horn blast.

It is really deplorable that now while we have a fine "gym." fully equipped the boarders cannot go into it as easily as if it were part of the school. As it is now it seems to be the school-room of "Sergeant," who uses it mainly for his pupils in boxing, etc. Cannot this be remedied, and the boys allowed to use it all times while not in school?

On Friday, the 6th inst., a very successful "At Home" was given by Mrs. Dickson, at her residence. The boys in the senior forms were invited to meet representatives from other halls of learning devoted to the fairer sex. The entertainment began at four o'clock and lasted till six, during which period the then deserted halls resounded with festive sounds of music and dancing. When the time for departure had arrived, everyone left, feeling that they had spent a very enjoyable afternoon, and with thoughts of gratitude to the hostess for providing so delightful an entertainment.

### WHAT THEY ARE SAYING.

Sixth form boy: What is the matter with Billy's hair? Day boy: Why Billy and the brush are not friends now.

There will be a lecture delivered shortly by "Prof" Maclaren on "The Metaphysics of Psychology."

What is the matter with "Andy," he looks so civilized? Why! don't you know he rooms on the first flat now?



Ah there! What is the matter with the lavatories? Wah! Wah! Hard luck! Eh Gonad?

. The Two Johns--Leslie and Small Pie.

How old am I? J. D. M. •

Why does Mully go to a certain church on Bloor Street so much nowadays?

What's the matter with N. B.'s patent camera lunch box? It's all right.

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#### AN INCIDENT IN THE AMERICAN WAR OF SECESSION.

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One of the most terrible struggles that has ever convulsed the world's history, and perhaps the most awful conflict of the nineteenth century, was the American War of Secession. For a space of almost a century, the black storm cloud of dissension, which originated almost immediately after the revolution, had been growing larger and larger, and needed but some slight confusion in the political atmosphere to break forth in its unrelenting fury into a raging tempest which should desolate the great republic of the West. Everything tended to make the civil war an awful and sanguinary one. Political rancours, envy of long standing, family and private feuds, mutual jealousy and dislike of the leaders of both parties, all helped to render it a bloody and ruinous conflict. Had such a war occurred in France or Italy the number of murders and vendettas even at this comparatively late date would be simply innumerable. Notwithstanding the horrors of battle, of prison life, and privation, with which the civil war abounds, there are many other tales some of which are truly awful, some very unusual, but all more or less romantic, dramatic and picturesque. It is a strange fact, that no novelists of note, excepting Percy Greg in his "Languelac," have even attempted to write a novel on the war, which presents to the novelist such a boundless field of incidents, anecdotes and dramatic situations. It is my intention to tell in a perfectly unvarnished manner, without any of the coloring of romance or license of fiction, some of the *true* incidents of the American War of Secession. It was a favorite habit of the Northern generals, to burn the cities, villages and large residences on their marches from one point to another. Thus were Atlanta and Colum-

bia burned in "Sherman's March to the Sea." It was at one of the cities which was thus burned that the circumstance occurred which I am about to relate. The commander of the Northern forces (who, by the way, has since the war denied to have commanded the city to be set on fire) had given all within the town, the aged, the sick, the wounded and the dying three days in which to leave the city, or to be burned with the roofs over them. A Roman Catholic nunnery, however, by the superstition of the Irish soldiery, and of the general, himself a Catholic, some buildings reserved as headquarters, lodgings for the officers, etc., were to be preserved. Among the former was the residence of a lady who, for convenience, we shall call Mrs. Mc—, who was staying there with her daughters and two of her nieces. She had been greatly interested in the opening up of the military hospitals of her city, had done much to improve them and advance their work. On the day of the burning no one was as busy as she, going everywhere, backward and forward in every nook and corner of the city on errands of mercy and charity, helping to remove the sick and wounded from the city and furnishing them with clothing and provisions. Upon one occasion she was returning home when a northern officer and a common soldier, meeting her and inquiring what she was doing, seizing her by the arms, shook her, and told her that she was liable to be arrested for TREASON! She went home and, calling her young companions together, told them about her adventure, and then put them in a room on the second floor at the back of the house. She had a proof of the courtesy of a Northern soldier; she knew already, as did many other Southern women, particularly in New Orleans, while under the infamous Benjamin Butler, the honor of Northern officers. She was determined that the young women, the "daughters of the South," should neither suffer the insult she had under-gone, nor what might even be worse; opening the window, in plain words she told them that if any Northern soldiers dared to approach them, their one relief was to be suicide; and with this she left them, confident that they knew their duty. Fortunately it was not necessary, but this tale is but an example of the dauntless bravery and fortitude, in all manner of danger and peril, which was shown by the "*Women of the South.*"

C. T. H.

## FUNNOSITIES.

Baby : Mamma, what is an animal ? Mamma : Oh, anything that goes on legs. "Stockings ?"

"War is horrible. It is enough to make inanimate things cry out with horror." "It is, indeed. Even the gun kicks at it."

Teacher : In the sentence, "The sick boy loves his medicine," what part of speech is "loves" ? Johnny : It's a lie, mum.

Teacher : Now Johnny, spell "needle." Johnny : N-e-i-d-l-e. Teacher : Wrong. There's no "i" in needle. Johnny : Well, taint much of a needle then.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid ?"

"To call on my city cousin," she said.

"May I go with you, my pretty maid ?"

"She's afraid of donkeys, sir," she said.

"Why is it only one o'clock ? I thought it was after two," said Mrs. Bronson, as the clock struck one. "Naw, mum," said Bridget, "it's never lather thin wan at this toime uv day."

Teacher : What did I tell you a shepherd was ? Johnny : One who tends to sheep. Teacher : Correct. Now see if you can tell me what a coward is ? Johnny (hopefully) : One who tends to cows.

Mrs. Brink : Mrs. Klink ! Mrs. Klink ! Your little boy is in our yard stoning our chickens. Mrs. Klink : Horrors ! He'll get his feet wet in your big, ugly, damp grass. I don't see why you can't keep your lawn mowed, Mrs. Brink.

Mr. Ducats : I have my doubts about that young Paul Knight who comes to see you so often. Do you consider him a steady young man ? Diana Ducats : Why, yes : seven nights in the week is pretty steady, isn't it, papa ?

Borax : I notice that there was a performance of Ben Hur given last week in aid of the Infants Home. Sam Jones : Yes, a most Jew-dicious selection ; I hope the result will be Ben-Hur-ficial to the Home.

Irish logic—Railway Porter : Smoking's not allowed in this car, sir. You'll have to stop. Mr. Pat Flannigan : I'm not smokin' sir. R.P. : But you have your pipe in your mouth ! Mr. P. F. : Sure, yis, and I have me fut in me boot, but I'm not walkin'.

## EXCHANGES.

The *Young Men's Era* contains, besides the ordinary Y.M.C.A. news and comments, an interesting description of "Rain Making," as carried on now by the experts in the Western States.

The *St. John's College Magazine* is the only one of our exchanges from the western part of Canada. It devotes a good deal of space to a description of that part of the Dominion which is very interesting. But above all, the most interesting part is that given over to college news, and especially the different sports.

The last number of *The Owl* contains many instructive articles. Among others is a very good one on "Shylock," which ought to be of great interest to those boys in the Sixth who intend taking up Honor English. In this paper poetry forms one of the chief departments, and this issue has some fine pieces in it.

One of our most welcome exchanges is *The Sunbeam*, the publication of Whitby Ladies' College. The last number fully upholds its record and is full of very interesting matter. It contains, among other well-written articles, "A Morning's Ride," which describes a pony-ride over an unfrequented pass in the Rocky Mountains.

*The Varsity* is one of our brightest and most interesting exchanges, and the "make up" of the paper is complete in every detail. A few columns are devoted to literature, which, no doubt, are of great use to the students in getting up their work. Sports are not forgotten, and perhaps the most unique account of a football match we have ever read is given in this number.

The *Trinity University Review* is to hand, and as usual is edited in a manner becoming to the reputation of the University. An excellent review of the "Antigone of Sophocles," from the pen of Prof. Lloyd, is continued, and is written in his usual masterly style. College news is not forgotten, and a good deal of space is given over to football items. The "Meds." have a special corner, which is replete with very interesting matter.

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