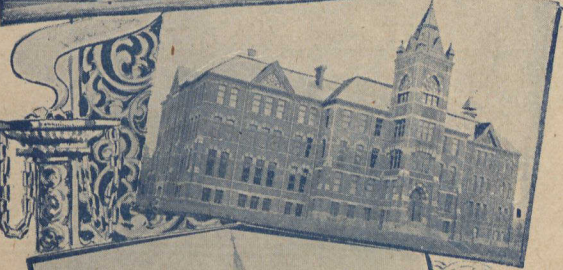
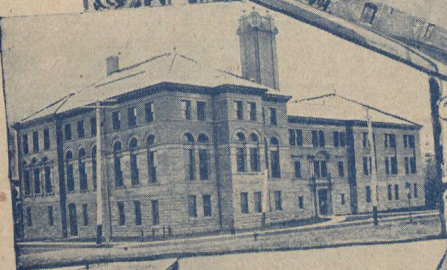
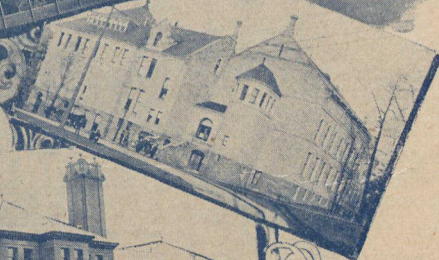
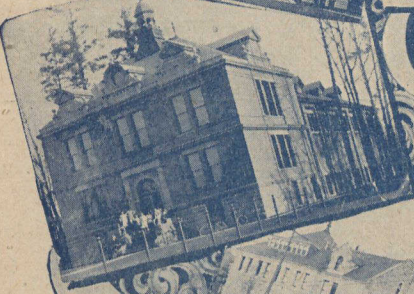
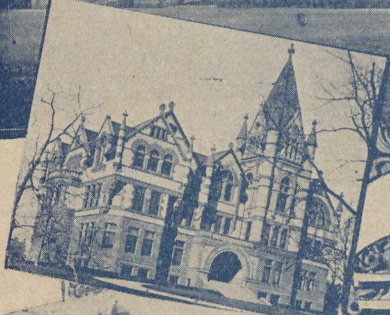


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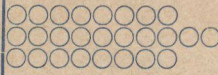
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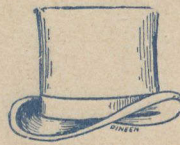
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## SONG—BLUE AND WHITE.

It was within June's portals where  
The world and love are young,  
My love and I strayed happy there,  
The rose-crowned fields among.  
I coned her sweet and dainty face,  
When, filled with wild delight,  
She let me lean, and softly place,  
A knot of blue and white.

"White and blue,  
Strong and true,  
So my love is burning,  
Just for you,  
Pure and true,  
Speak—and ease my yearning."

And 'twas when autumn's shadow fell,  
On summer's golden crown,  
By fire-touched hill and misty dell,  
We idly wandered down,  
Content I was. For in her breast,  
Above her heart so true,  
That beat for me—there lay at rest,  
The knot of white and blue.

"White and blue,  
Pure and true,  
Same our song as ever.  
Years may die,  
Youth go by,  
Love is King forever."

—E. M.

## UNIVERSITY LIFE.

Some time ago I undertook to write a short paper on University Life, and more particularly on the different forms of University life, as known to myself in a Scotch University, and in the University of Oxford. On reconsidering this promise or engagement, I became aware that so long a period had elapsed since I was familiarly acquainted with those institutions that my reminiscences and inferences would probably be of no great interest at this time of day. Yet, on the other hand, there are some reflections which arise from such memories, which may not be without a certain value at the present time; and happily there are living here around us not a few who can tell us of the present condition of the Scottish Universities and of the great Universities of Oxford and Cambridge. If only these dim memories of a state of things belonging to the past shall stimulate some of these to give us their fresher impressions of the state of things nearer to our own time, what is here written will not be in vain.

There may seem to many a certain degree of absurdity in comparing a small, Scotch University with a great institution like one of the two English Universities—for, until lately, England had only two Universities like Aberdeen. Indeed, a certain story, now forgotten—I know not its name—is said to have begun with the startling statement: "Aberdeen, like England, has two Universities." Aberdeen has now, to its profit, but one University, and England has about as many as Toronto enjoys!

But whatever other qualities those Scotch Universities possessed, they were at least of native growth, part of the educational system of the country, and well adapted for their purpose, all of which, of course, might be said of the great English Universities, but no more. Another thing; the Scotch Universities did not produce the fine scholarship which adorned the English Universities. Yet they produced the best Latin-Grammar known before the present century—Ruddiman's large grammar, which, I believe, has been reprinted in Germany in the present century; and many of their students wrote and spoke Latin as easily as English, and somewhat more idiomatically.

The Scotch Universities, whatever their limitations, taught their students—and all their students—to think. This could hardly be said of the English Universities. Cambridge, in former days, was so given up to Mathematics that it would not grant classical honors to anyone who had not previously taken honors in Mathematics. Then its classical studies were of a somewhat narrow and technical character. Oxford had always engaged in a somewhat more liberal study of the Classics—especially of Aristotle. Old Oxford men, like Mr. Gladstone, never forgot their Aristotle and their Butler.

The tutorial system of Oxford and Cambridge had great advantages over the Scotch system by bringing the students into closer relations with their teachers. At Aberdeen we had as many as a hundred in a class. There were two Colleges then, and there is but one at present, so the classes would now be much larger. At Oxford the number of men attending lectures would vary greatly, but they would never rise to such a number that the tutor could not know well all his pupils.

On the whole, the Scottish system of lecturing was good, helpful, stimulating. Our Professor of Chemistry, for example, Dr. Fyfe, was a man of note, and a most interesting instructor. We could not help knowing a good deal, even if we were, as many of us were, inclined to idleness. The same might be said of our Professors of Natural Philosophy, of Moral Philosophy, and so forth.

And here I should like to say that, in my own humble judgment, the method of these professors was, in a general way, greatly preferable to that adopted by some of our contemporaneous Cambridge professors, and imported into this country by some of their pupils.

The method to which I refer, and against which I would venture humbly to protest, is that of dictation. From beginning to end of the hour of lecture these learned men simply dictate from their manuscripts (or otherwise), and the students write down what they have dictated. It is hardly possible to imagine a worse method of teaching. It conveys hardly anything which could not be learned from books. Moreover, it gives no stimulus to the student, and this is what the student most needs. On this point there is very much to be said, as we are here touching upon the essential utility of Universities, as sources of instruction and knowledge, and we may hope that others will contribute something to the subject.

We are not instituting any sort of comparison between the Scottish and English Universities in general. It must be remembered that those of the Northern Kingdom are popular institutions, intended, like the whole education of the country, for the people in general, whilst the English Universities are, on the whole, to be regarded as aristocratic institutions. But there is one point of some importance in regard to which the advantages of Oxford and Cambridge are, and have been, so conspicuous, that it demands some careful consideration from all who are interested in these subjects. We refer to the residential system of these two great Universities, and more especially to the residential system as it generally existed at Oxford forty or fifty years ago. There was a difference at that time between the two Universities, which may possibly now have disappeared. As a rule, no Oxford College would then receive a matriculant, unless it could at once give him rooms. By this means every one who entered the University became at once a resident within one of the Colleges, having his rooms along with the other undergraduates, dining at the same table, becoming a member of the same clubs and societies, in fact, becoming a member of a family.

At Cambridge the case was different. There, as a rule, a new comer was not at once admitted to reside in the College. He had to take lodgings in the city—doubtless lodgings approved by the authorities—yet in such a way that he was not brought into close connection with the other members of the College. It is believed that this circumstance may account for the generally recognized fact, that Oxford men bear the stamp of their University more distinctly than Cambridge men. There was certainly another difference. The Oxford undergraduate was frequently sent into lodgings, before he had taken his degree, to make room for others who sought admission into the College, whilst the Cambridge man, once admitted, was allowed to remain to the end of his course. But a moment's reflection will show that this could not compensate for the loss sustained at the beginning.

In those days no one could matriculate at the University, who had not been received into a College. In later times a new institution has arisen, that of students non-attached to any College, but simply matriculated in the University, residing within its bounds for the appointed time, and gaining instruction and preparation for examinations in any way that may seem good to them. Perhaps some member of either University, who may have watched the development of this new institution, may give us his views on the subject. It is obvious that these might be of great advantage to us in our present circumstances.

There is some danger of our University life becoming an isolated, individual life, instead of a common life. If that was to come to pass, we might as well attend lectures at a Mechanics' Institute, or indeed get our learning through books and private tuition. Such a tendency may be counteracted in various ways, as is now done in many of the great American Universities, and with considerable success—by having common lodging-houses, governed by the students themselves, by having Club-houses in which ten, twelve, or twenty members of the Club lodge and board, forming a kind of family group, and in other ways. These, however, are matters which may properly be dealt with by those who have experience of such methods.

WILLIAM CLARK.

### THE PROPOSED SUPERVISORY BOARD.

Editor, THE VARSITY:

DEAR SIR,—It is with pleasure that I meet your request to pen a few lines with regard to the Supervisory Board, the institution of which was proposed at last Friday's Constitutional Meeting. Especially since '01 the question, as to the possibility and advisability of a more or less centralized control of student functions and organizations, has been mooted again and again. The foundation of the Athletic Association was one result of these discussions, and the Board now appointed by a practically unanimous vote of the Literary Society is but its promising counterpart.

During the last few years two matters of great importance have, among others, attracted the attention of an influential portion of the student body. If we are correctly informed they are, first, the number of University functions and organizations, and secondly, the question of responsibility—financial responsibility, particularly—in connection with contracting indebtedness and all its train of ills on the part of student organizations. As concerns the first point, attention has been called to the possibility—which, however, at present seems very slender—of some partial combination or doubling up of the various Departmental Clubs, and again to the advisability of abandoning in favor of other larger and more important functions the yearly Class Receptions. With such matters we have only remotely to do here. With regard to the second point, undergraduate opinion seems to have gradually veered round to the conviction that some form of centralized supervision by representative men from among themselves conjointly with representatives of the College Council is now advisable. The Athletic Board, that is receiving such hearty support on all sides, is an expression of this conviction; and the same can be said of the present change in the constitution of the Literary Society, looking to the establishment of a general Supervisory Board for all student functions and organizations other than those coming within the sphere of the Athletic Association.

At present most of our College organizations are expected to act in conjunction with special committees of the College Council; some, however, for instance, those of ephemeral growth and activity and those using the name of the University of Toronto, are often not brought into contact with any supervisory body at all. This is now to be remedied as far as possible by a representative committee of four undergraduates, ap-

pointed in the Literary Society, one of whom shall be the First Vice-President of that Society. This committee, it is hoped, will be able to act with representatives of the College Council and form with them a general supervisory and Advisory Board, as indicated.

When this Board proceeds to definitely define its functions and lay down its constitution and draw up its rules, it will probably follow along lines marked out already by the organization of the Athletic Board. There are, doubtless, difficulties to be overcome, but with necessity on the one side, and a general desire to overcome them on the other, they will not prove at all insurmountable. That this will be the eventual outcome we are confident. It is to the success of such Boards, as has been stated by many of our students in discussing this matter, that we may look for the smooth and satisfactory administration of the various student affairs, in the success of which Staff and graduates are alike interested. The Supervisory Board, as contemplated, we regard as a most promising advance in undergraduate organization. We can but wish it a speedy realization and an eminently successful career.

Sincerely yours,  
S. M. WICKETT.

March 6th, 1899.

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#### MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY.

The following details with regard to this institution, to which reference was made in last issue, may be of interest. The Dominion Government has already appropriated the sum necessary to equip and support the Laboratory for five years. It is to be under the directorate of Professor Prince, of the Marine and Fisheries Department, and a Board of Management formed of representatives from the various Canadian Universities, Professor Ramsay Wright and Professor A. B. Macallum being the representatives from Toronto. It is hoped that many problems, interesting from a biological, as well as from an economical standpoint, may be solved through its establishment. It is proposed that the Laboratory shall not be stationary, and therefore the house-boat style of construction has been selected. It is probable that St. Andrew's, New Brunswick will be the first part of the coast to be investigated. A strong contingent from the Biological Department, consisting of Mr. Jeffrey, Dr. Bensley, Dr. Stafford and Mr. Bensley will in all probability spend a considerable part of the summer at the Laboratory.

## The College Girl

The nominations of the Lit. were held on Friday, March 3rd. They were as follows:

Hon.-Pres. Miss Hillock.

President, the Misses H. M. Hughes, Lang, Wegg.

Vice-Pres., the Misses Butterworth, E. M. Fleming.

Fourth Year Couns., the Misses Cole, Gall, Baird.

Rec. Sec., the Misses Robertson, F. Cole, Hutchison.

Third Year Couns., the Misses B. White, Forest, E. Crane, Watt.

Treas., Miss Conlin.

Corres. Sec., the Misses Fraser, Street, Moore.

Second Year Couns., the Misses Easson, Peers, Downing.

Representatives on VARSITY Editorial Board.

Fourth Year Rep., the Misses L. Wright, L. M. Mason.

Third Year Rep., the Misses Hutchison, Dredge.

Second Year Rep., the Misses J. Dickson, Amos.

Business Board.

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Third Year Rep., the Misses Wicher, Watt.

Representatives to Women's Residence Association.

Fourth Year Rep., the Misses Baird, G. McDonald.

Third Year Rep., the Misses Darling, B. White.

Second Year Rep., the Misses Marshall, Houston, E. M. Dickson.

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Fourth Year Representative, Miss E. M. Fleming.

Third Year Representative, Miss C. McDonald.

Second Year Representative, Miss Moore.

Business Board.

Manager, the Misses G. McDonald, Cole.

Third Year, Miss Hutchison.

Second Year, the Misses Downing, Fraser.

The Y.W.C.A. met on Wednesday afternoon. In the absence of the President, Miss Harrison occupied the chair. Miss Wicher, '01, read a very good and practical paper on "Influence." Miss Smith, of the Women's Medical School, then gave an interesting talk on "Northfield," where she spent some time last summer. A discussion followed upon the possibility of sending a representative from our Society to Northfield this summer.

#### FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF ONTARIO.

Those who heard Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, lecture last year, will be glad to learn that the Political Science Club have secured another lecture from him. The subject of this lecture will be, "The First Fifty Years of Ontario," and will be concerned largely with the question of population in Ontario, showing where the early settlers came from and their early institutions. The lecture will be delivered in Room 9, on Tuesday, March 14th, at 4 p.m., and will be open to the public.

# The News

FRIDAY NIGHT.—Nomination Night at the Lit.

## CONSTITUTION NIGHT AT THE LIT.

Constitution night has come and gone, but it was in marked contrast to the stormy scenes which characterized a similar occasion a year ago. Last Friday evening the business of the Literary Society passed as smoothly as one could wish.

Shortly after 8 o'clock, President Wickett called the meeting to order, with a fair number of students present. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and approved, Mr. Alex. McDougall brought in the report of the House Committee, recommending the usual number of papers and periodicals for the ensuing year. Mr. Russell seconded the report, which was carried. Mr. Fred. A. Cleland, last year's Business Manager of VARSITY, brought in his report for '97-'98, which showed the paper to be in a very satisfactory condition. The usual balance was carried forward to the following year. The President then asked for nominations for the Nominating Board of VARSITY. Mr. Alex. McDougall, Mr. John McKay, Mr. T. A. Russell, and Mr. W. H. Alexander were nominated and elected by acclamation.

The annual task of revising the Constitution was now begun. Mr. John McKay moved an amendment to the Constitution, that those graduates who had paid their fees during their four years at College, might become life members, and entitled to vote for President, unless objected to, in which case the matter would be laid before the Life Membership Committee for consideration. Mr. R. T. Stewart seconded the amendment. Carried. Mr. D. McDougall, seconded by Mr. Monds, moved that two members should audit the books of the Treasurer, and that their report should be published in VARSITY. Carried.

Up to this time the work of the Society had proceeded with little or no enthusiasm, although the nominations to the Nominating Board caused considerable interest and wonder as to what gentlemen would compose the Board. But when Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Ross, moved to add the following to the Constitution, much enthusiasm was aroused, "At the second regular meeting of the Society for the fall term, four members, one of whom shall be the First Vice-President, shall be appointed to act in conjunction with representatives from University College Council, as a Supervisory Board to control all student functions and organizations, save those under the control of the Athletic Board." Mr. Russell in explaining the amendment said that it would have the effect of preventing any but worthy student organizations from bearing the University name, which in itself ought to be ample guarantee of the standing of a Club. It would also tend to widen its sphere of influence, besides giving the Faculty that insight and confidence in student affairs which conduces to the welfare of the University in general. Mr. G. W. Ross, in seconding the motion, pointed out the benefits which would arise from having such a Board. Dr. Wickett said that he could not let such an important amendment be brought before the Society without expressing the want which was

felt for such a Board in his undergraduate days, but, however, nothing had been done until now. The time was exceptionally opportune for such a movement, and it would supply a long-felt need.

The amendment was discussed by Messrs. McKay, Alexander, and Coyne, '01, also by Mr. J. J. Monds and W. H. Ingram, '01, in so far as it would have any bearing upon the present state of the Glee Club. However, when the amendment was put it received the unanimous vote of the meeting.

Mr. F. E. Brophy, '01, then gave a recitation which was heartily encored.

Afterwards Mr. Ross submitted an amendment to the Constitution of VARSITY, which makes Art. iv., Sec. 1., read as follows: "The Editorial Board shall, before the first week in April, elect one of the Editors from the Third Year in Arts to be Editor-in-Chief for the next ensuing year, and three sub-Editors, as follows: One News-Editor, from Second or Third Year, one Sporting-Editor from the Second or Third Year, and one Local-Editor from the Second Year." Also Art. iv., Sec. 2, was amended so as to read "The Editor-in-Chief, as well as any sub-Editor, may be removed from his office as such, etc. Mr. Ross stated that this would clearly define the duties of the sub-Editors for the future, as well as making the work of producing the paper more systematic.

Mr. McKay then moved the adjournment of the meeting, and so another Constitution Night has passed into history.

After the Society had adjourned, a mass meeting of the students was called, with Mr. T. Russell in the chair, to discuss the melee which took place on the campus between the students from Arts, S.P.S., and the Medical School. A committee was appointed to confer with the Council in regard to the cost of the bicycle racks destroyed, so that undue blame would not be cast upon the Medicals or anyone else for their share in the matter.

## Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

At the meeting for election of officers held Thursday, March 2nd, the following were elected as officers of the Association for next year:

President, Mr. N. F. Coleman.

First Vice-President, Mr. R. B. Patterson.

Second Vice-President, Mr. J. A. Henry.

Treasurer, Mr. D. J. Davidson.

Recording Secretary, Mr. W. L. Nichol.

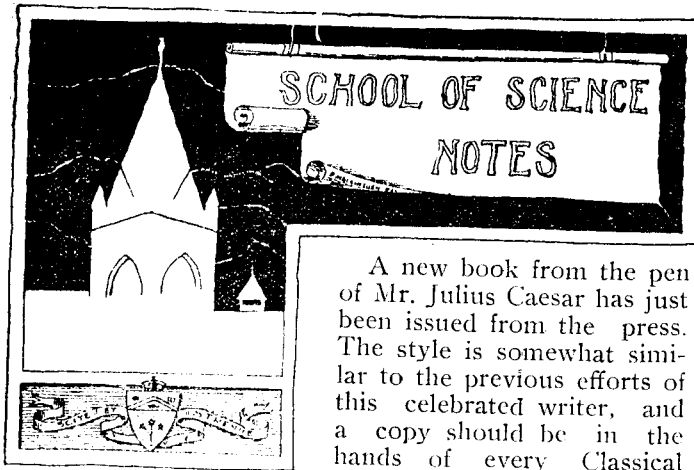
Assistant Treasurer, Mr. C. Cudmore.

The Committee to nominate the General Secretary met on Tuesday, 7th.

The regular weekly meeting on Thursday, 9th, will be conducted by the members. The Gen. Sec. will lead in the discussion.

The Mission Study Class will have only two more studies this term. The topic this week is The Lack of Public Spirit, and Some Attendant Evils in the Non-Christian Lands. Saturday evening—7.30 to 8.30—Y.M.C.A. Parlor. All students are cordially invited to attend.

Owing to a typographical error, we represented the Women's Residence as needing but \$200, whereas \$2,000 would approximate the amount more nearly.



A new book from the pen of Mr. Julius Caesar has just been issued from the press. The style is somewhat similar to the previous efforts of this celebrated writer, and a copy should be in the hands of every Classical man. We give a rough

translation of a couple of chapters.

1. These matters having been settled, some of our men were in the habit of making foraging expeditions into the territory of the "Artsoni," who, though at first afraid of our men, gradually grew bolder, and finally attacked them openly. Our men easily repulsed them, and carried off a large amount of plunder. On the same day the "Scalpulii," seeing how easy the "Artsoni" were, sent in a large band of their men who swiped everything in sight, and immediately sent part of their booty to Caesar, in order that he might not be angry, and also as a sign that they wished to cultivate our friendship. In the meantime the "Artsoni" had collected their forces and set out hot scud after the "Scalpulii." These latter, seeing they were pursued, made a stand, and a hot engagement followed, lasting several hours, during which our men were interested spectators, though they held themselves in readiness to repel any attack on our quarters. Through his lieutenants, Caesar obtained some excellent snap-shots of the fight, which will be shown at the next meeting of the Senate (Senatu Volente). The "Artsoni" at length overwhelmed their opponents, and regained possession of all the plunder except that which had been sent to Caesar. Caesar was much pleased by the racket, for he thought that after so many being killed, neither side would want to attack our men.

2. Our share of the plunder being carelessly guarded, it was recaptured during the night by the "Artsoni," who were beginning to feel their oats after the victory of the previous day, and when the morning broke, their camp could be seen swarming with warriors ready for the fray. Several of their chiefs came out dancing and singing and challenged our men to battle. Caesar thought such insolence should not go unpunished. Accordingly he sent two regiments, consisting of the Queen's Own and the 48th Highlanders, with orders to recover the booty and bring back the leaders as hostages. Our men started out most eagerly and after the first charge it was quite evident to the "Artsoni," that they had run up against a snag. From this on they were never in it for a second. Our men then secured the plunder and took a run around the block to work up an appetite for breakfast. Caesar good-naturedly pardoned their leaders and promised them some yellow, blue and white paints with which to decorate their new bicycle racks. On their part they promised to be good in the future and not to molest us any more.

The forty odd students, who were present at the Caledonian Rink on Wednesday last, were amply repaid for their journey down there. The occasion was the first game in the Jennings' Series, and was between the School and Victoria. This explanation is for the benefit of the S.P.S. men who were not there.

When Referee Morison blew his whistle the following teams lined up:

Victoria.—(———).

S.P.S.—Goal, Boehmer (Capt.); Point, Benson; Cover Point, Father; Forwards, Thorne, MacDonald, Arthurs, Ritchie.

From beginning to end the game was fast and clean, with not a single instance of rough play to mar it. Victoria scored the first goal, but in a minute School had evened up, and a few seconds later were one ahead. Then Victoria scored again. Father grew ambitious and lifted a goal from half-way, whereat Jock Davidson raised aloud his voice and wept for joy. Half-time was called, with the score 4—4.

On resuming hostilities the score was run up in a see-saw fashion to 7 all. Then as the electric lights shone out, and the call to dinner grew stronger, the School forwards swept down the ice together and planted in the two winning shots. Victoria made a determined effort to retrieve her losses, but time was called before they could get past the School's stubborn defence.

Benson at point played a star game. On the forwards, MacDonald and Arthurs were most conspicuous, and played well together.

Referee Morison gave entire satisfaction to both sides.

Winters and \_\_\_\_\_ were the shining lights of the Victoria team.

School's weak point is their shooting. They missed several sure things through their inability to shoot.

Even the staid Scientists of the School seem to be affected by the spring weather. Below are a few of the sayings collected in the Draughting rooms, (The Third Year men composed theirs out in the corridor).

"And turning every hair to threads of living gold."  
—Hare.

"Then remember the Red River Valley,  
And the half-breed that loves you so true."

—Davidson.

"His beard grows with the tale of his blunders."  
—Revell.

Suddenly I heard a rapping,  
As of someone gently tapping,  
Tapping at my window-pane.

—F. F. Clarke.

Smif announces that he will shortly deliver an address on "The Probable Causes of the Formation of Pot-Holes." The Second Year are looking forward to this with great interest.

#### SALE OF UNIVERSITY PROPERTY.

Negotiations are reported to be under way for the sale of the old Upper Canada College grounds on King Street West, to a syndicate. The price to be paid is said to be \$350,000, with \$50,000 cash. This is somewhat reassuring, in consideration of the deficit of the past year, and it is to be hoped that a way out of the financial difficulty may be found in this direction, if in no other.

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## ADVISORY BOARD FOR INCOMING STUDENTS.

If the full facts of the case were available, they would doubtless show a very surprising state of affairs with regard to the method of selection of the various courses of studies by the incoming students. Among the undergraduates it is well-known that very many have practically drifted into the course where they happen to be, and this is not a mere haphazard statement, but the result of enquiry into the question. The cause of this would seem to be simply an ignorance of the situation on the part of the matriculant. He or she takes the long step from the High School to the University, sometimes with definite plans formed concerning the future, but perhaps oftener actuated merely with the desire for obtaining a B.A. degree, and laboring under the false impression that this is a species of "skeleton key," which will open the door of success to any of the many departments of human activity. This is true, perhaps, to a certain degree, but undoubtedly some courses are better fitted for certain professions or pursuits than others. For example, Political Science should form the basis for Law, in the same way as Natural Science is the best preliminary study for Medicine, and the general course for business. But unless an incoming student has had an advisor, who is thoroughly cognizant of the situation, he more often than not simply drifts into a course of study, which, although perhaps as educative as any other course, will not fit him for his life's work nearly so well as another course.

The circumstances of the selection of a course of study are very often these: A student enters a new life—for the University forms a life within the life of the community—with but few acquaintances, and finds himself almost lost in his new surroundings. Unfamiliar faces are on all sides, and it is no wonder that at first he feels somewhat bewildered. In this condition he meets a friend of his who for some reason has formed definite ideas about the matter, and, perhaps, naturally decides to enter the same course with him. Thus, through ignorance, or the want of proper advice, he chooses a course which is not the best for his purpose.

We do not presume to propose the exact means by which this evil should be remedied, but in order to be definite will outline one possible method. An

Advisory Committee might be formed of the President and the professors of each honor department, and it could be stated in the Calendar that each incoming student *must* appear before this Committee, give an account of any special preliminary work he has done, and state his plans. He could then be advised as to the proper course which he should pursue, and would not enter his four years' work blindly, as he now too often does. It may be urged that very many students do not know their plans so early in their University course, but apart from this being an argument against the utility of such an Advisory Committee, it is exactly the opposite; for the appearance of a student before such a body, and his being seriously asked what his intentions are, would in many cases force him to stop and think, and perhaps not postpone his decision as to what he intends to do until a month or so before graduation, as is so often the case. In our humble opinion these two matters are the two of the most serious evils of the present state of affairs, namely: That aimless drifting of students into special courses of study, and secondly, that postponing of their decision as to what they intend to do on graduation, until it is simply forced upon them, when they find themselves confronted with the necessity of soon securing some bread-winning occupation.

It is earnestly hoped that the University authorities will make some move in this important matter leading towards a removal of these evils.

## THE PRESS AND THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

For a number of years it has been the custom with certain of the evening papers, especially, to magnify and distort occurrences at Varsity beyond all recognition. Romancing is, no doubt, very pleasant, and as easy as it is pleasant, but we see no reason why the undergraduates should have inflicted upon them reports which cast very undesirable reflections upon their actions. Any conscientious paper should surely refuse to abuse its influence as a power for good by publishing perverted accounts of University undergraduate actions, which reflect on the University itself. What the University undergraduates want is a little more sympathy from the press, both in general matters and also in Athletics.

We refer definitely to the account of the recent "scrap," published in a certain paper which came out with a glaring head-line "Civil War at Varsity," etc., etc., and appended, thereto, a most ingeniously distorted "story" of the affair. In consideration of this and similar actions of other papers at other times, the following resolution was unanimously passed by the students, at a mass meeting held after the Literary Society, Friday night: "Resolved, That we, undergraduates of the University of Toronto, seriously deprecate the attitude of the press towards us, which attitude allows of the publication of such accounts of our actions as tend to leave entirely false impressions of them; and that THE VARSITY give expression to this."

It is to be sincerely hoped that the papers will consider the evident desires of the students in this regard, and be more considerate in the future for the sake of the University, if not for the students themselves.



## TWO ADVANCES.

Constitution night at the Literary Society this year was marked by the passing of two motions which are distinctly changes in the right direction. The following motion was moved by T. A. Russell, "That an Advisory Board, consisting of the Vice-President of the Literary Society, and two members of the Faculty, should be formed, which would govern all student organizations, social and otherwise." The reasons for the advisability of this may be briefly stated for the benefit of those who were not present. It has been felt for some time that some check should be made on the precipitancy which marks the manner with which many of the student organizations enter on social and other schemes, with the result that they go into debt, and thereby bring the good name of the University into disrepute. The formation of the Athletic Board suggested the institution of some similar body to control student affairs, other than Athletics, with the above result. There are other strong reasons for the formation of such a body than the one mentioned, but that alone, it seems to us, would justify the formation of the Advisory Board, and we wish for it every success.

The other motion, presented by G. W. Ross, concerned the constitution of THE VARSITY, and was this, that three sub-editors, as follows, should be appointed, one News-Editor, from the incoming Third or Fourth Years, one Sporting-Editor, from the incoming Third or Fourth Years, and one Local-Editor, from the incoming Third Year. It was pointed out that although the present constitution of THE VARSITY probably never intended it, almost all the work fell on the Editor-in-Chief. He had to obtain his articles, gather the bulk of the news and write it, write his editorials, collect and write the greater part of the local items, read his proofs, and finally "make up" the paper. It will doubtless be agreed that this is too much to ask of one man each week. Moreover, it prevents the Editor-in-Chief doing the more important part of his work as well as he would like; and in addition the change provides for a distribution of labor.

On account of lack of space we are unable to publish a continued account of "The Battle of the Bicycle-racks," as it really occurred; but would direct the reader to the poetry after Hiawatha for the Arts fight with the Meds.; and to S.P.S. Notes for the collision of the Arts and S.P.S. men.

The effect of the war on the study of Spanish in the American Universities is well shown by the fact that a year ago no student at Brown University desired to take up the study of Spanish. This year the room of the Spanish department is filled with students.

Out of 451 Colleges and Universities in this country only 41 are closed to women, but 143 Schools of higher learning are closed to men.

A memorial gateway in the wall about the College at Harvard will be built to remember Harvard men who have died in the Spanish war.

## AN AGREEMENT.

As Philip Ranmor sat in his cosy bachelor apartment, staring at the glowing embers in the grate fire, the tiny mouse, which crawled silently out from beneath the heap of soiled linen in the corner, must have thought that his nocturnal prowls would not be brought to an abrupt end, at least that night. Perhaps he was right, judging from the far-away expression on the countenance of the lawyer, and the ringlets of smoke which slowly ascended from the meerschaum. Apparently satisfied with a cursory inspection, which he paid the occupant, Monsieur mouse moved leisurely over to the centre of the room and proceeded, without once looking up, to make a hearty luncheon of the wine-biscuit crumbs which had fallen on the floor. He had just devoured the last bit and was rashly contemplating the various means by which he might possibly reach the open box on the table, when the moving of a chair and an impatient exclamation caused him to scamper off to his corner. In the meantime the lowering temperature of the room had gradually brought Philip out of his fit of abstraction to cold reality and incidentally to annoyance at things in general. Fortunately the poker was near at hand and he was soon engaged in venting his ill-humor on the fire, which resulted in putting it out completely.

Philip Ranmor was a fairly successful type of the genus lawyer, and he had made himself such purely by his own exertions. He was not well off in the number of near relations, as his fellow-barristers were, having only one, his sister, and needless to say she occupied a very large part in his own heart. And Sunshine, as he called her in his more serious moments, or Towhead, the name which he teasingly applied to her most of the time, thought just as much of her big brother. A desire to be of some use to him, as well as a dislike to idleness, induced Sunshine to take up a business course while at College; so at present she is helping Philip as his amanuensis, confidential adviser—and sister. To say that they got along very well together would be expressing it mildly. If after a long day's work she failed to get the cash account to balance, he would gravely ask her if she was sure that she had on hand all the money received, and upon her assenting, would exclaim: "Well, never mind, Towhead, as long as we have the money you can find the mistake some other time." When Sunshine returned to the office next morning she invariably discovered the slip, and would explain it to her brother, with an apologetic shake of her blonde head and a "How stupid of me not to have seen it before." Philip would laugh in his quiet way, and go on with his work.

To-night, after a very trying day of it, Philip was mentally reviewing his life up to the present, and had almost convinced himself that he was getting old, although the world at large remained in doubt as to whether he was on the shady side of five and thirty or not. The only time that he could see Sunshine was during office hours, when the sole topic discussed was business. In his free evenings he would stroll down to the place where she was boarding in order to have a good chat with her and nearly always found that she had gone out to some social function or entertainment. In fact, no later than to-night he had done that with little success, yet he was glad that Sunshine remembered the social side of life, which he was forced to neglect when younger, through lack of means.

## Athletics

Nevertheless it was annoying, yes, exceedingly so. A short time since he had spoken to her about getting a house so that the two of them would have at least one place which they could call home, but Sunshine demurred, saying that a housekeeper, servant and the other aggravations would be rather expensive for them; even so, there would have to be an iron-bound agreement with the housekeeper to prevent any clash which might arise. The question was dropped for the time being. Still Philip had to admit that the morning's steak was simply beyond his vocabulary, and the coffee abominable, while his clothing was nearly always in need of such a trifling article as a button. Undoubtedly something must be done and that too, at once.

Sunshine had often heard friends express their wonder why Philip did not marry, as it was a well-known fact that a few of his women acquaintances would not be averse to changing their names to his. Down at the Club he was often the subject of good-natured banter about this matter by the members, but he had always taken it in good part, saying that he had not the time. So he worked hard at the practice of his profession, neither hindered nor embarrassed by the fickle reports of Dame Rumor.

It was not very long ago, however, that Marion Beverton had invited Sunshine over to spend a few days with her, an arrangement which would in no way interfere with the latter's work. When exchanging confidences Marion had casually asked her what she would think if Philip were to get married some day in the near future. But Sunshine, thinking of those whom he knew, together with the attendant circumstances, said with a clear mind, that there was not much danger of that happening. "You know, she went on in a naive, explanatory way, "Phil. is so kind to the girls and he likes all of them." "He must have an abnormally large heart!" exclaimed Miss Beverton, laughingly, but as Sunshine's answer seemed to clinch the question, the conversation turned into other more interesting channels.

Lent was quickly drawing near, and Mrs. Vinton's "At Home," was virtually the last important social function in Festival. Philip appeared heartily glad that this crush had come to an end at last, and as he helped Sunshine into the coupe, decided he would tell her to-night and be done with it. He placed the rug around her with more care than usual. And Sunshine had danced until she was tired; so sinking back in the cushions, she closed her eyes and breathed a sigh of relief. Philip wondered whether she would like it when he told her. The silence was very depressing, with only the hoof-beats of the horses and an occasional jolt of the carriage to break it. He groaned to himself, this is about as bad as the other, and that was serious enough. Ahem! roughly, "By the way, Towhead, I intend getting a house." Towhead was sleepy so she waited for him to proceed. Her demeanor made it quite embarrassing, he thought. "Yes," he stumbled on, "I was talking to Miss Beverton about it during my dance, and she agreed to become my housekeeper." After a while Sunshine opened her eyes with an effort, and said, jokingly, "Who will witness the agreement, Phil.?"

"Rev. Canon Hurst."

O-O-Oh!

WILL. H. INGRAM.

## THE BASEBALL CLUB,—

For the first time in the history of baseball at the University of Toronto the baseball team will this year take an extended tour throughout the Eastern States, in the hope of showing our friends across the line that the Varsity men can play them hard at their own game. Under the energetic managership of F. D. McEntee, a magnificent tour has been arranged, which is not only the most comprehensive, but the most extensive tour that any Varsity club or team has yet taken. Baseball is such a universal game on the other side that it was found possible to arrange dates with some twenty Colleges, in some six of the New England States, and also to obtain sufficient guarantees to insure financial success. The effort will be earnestly made to play none but College teams this year, and it is hoped from the splendid material in sight for a strong Varsity team, that our boys will make a good showing against the more experienced players on the other side. The following is the tour, as arranged at present:

- May 27th.—University of Niagara.
- May 29th.—Rochester University, Rochester.
- May 30th.—Hobart, Geneva, N.Y. (two games).
- May 31st.—Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y.
- June 1st.—Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y.
- June 2nd.—Union University, Schenectady, N.Y.
- June 5th.—Rutger's College, New Brunswick, N.J.
- June 7th.—Fordham College, New York City, N.Y.
- June 10th.—Wesleyan University, Middleton, Conn.
- June 12th.—Brown University, Providence R.I.
- June 14th.—Holy Cross College, Worcester, Mass.
- June 15th.—Boston College, Boston, Mass.
- June 17th.—Bates College, Lewiston, Me.
- June 19th.—Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.
- June 20th.—Colby University, Waterville, Me.
- June 22nd.—University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont.
- June 24th.—Montreal.

It is to be hoped that nothing will mar the probable success of this most promising tour. There are several positions on the team, which will be filled by the best student material that turns out, and no one who has played baseball should fail to speak to the Captain, J. R. Parry, or to F. D. McEntee, the Manager, and turn out at the first practice.

## THE FENCING CLUB,—

Fencing has always had a strong hold upon a few enthusiasts in the University, and has developed many good fencers, who are carrying Professor Williams' fame as an instructor, far and wide. One of the old members of the Club carried off the championship of one of the Western States last year. This year the Club has had many new recruits, and has had an exceedingly flourishing year. The Senior Class is quite small, but the Junior Class is large and contains some men who will probably develop into first-class swordsmen. In fighting off the Junior Championship, each prizeman will have had to win about 25 contests. Millman has won the Senior Championship. Evans and



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## THE REFEREE.

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY.

It is with no small feeling of regret that we publish the following financial statement of the University, which shows a deficit of \$6,088, despite the sales of lands to the amount of \$800, and the raising of the fees. It is to be hoped that either the Government or private munificence will come to the aid of the University, and not only allow it to maintain its present position, but provide liberally for that expansion which is demanded of Canada's foremost University at this "growing-time" in the history of the country at large.

During the year the cost of education reached \$192,290, while the fees only reached \$41,942. At present the Crown pays 75 per cent. of the cost of education, but between five and ten per cent. more is necessary to keep the University in its good standing.

The advance in the fees has not increased the revenue. The advance was from \$30 to \$36. Less students attended, and consequently the income was not raised. The general expenditure reached \$124,117, while the total income was \$119,087.

The institution received from Residence \$157 above the expenditure. The total expenditure amounted to \$3,863, and the receipts \$4,020.

The total fees were \$42,081, and were made up as follows: First Year, \$8,617; Second Year, \$9,241; Third Year, \$8,096; Fourth Year, \$9,608; Law, \$110; Dentistry, \$1,798; Engineering, \$200; Music, \$250; Pharmacy, \$1,362; Pedagogy, \$90.

## THE DEFEAT OF THE SAWBONES.

To the land of the Collegians,  
From their haunts among the dead men,  
Went the mighty tribe of Sawbones,  
Anxious to procure new scalp locks.  
In their gorgeous suits of wampum,  
With their war-paint fresh upon them,  
Came they to the tribe of Arts men;  
Raised the war-whoop of their nation,  
Danced in weird, fantastic circles,  
Boasted loudly of their valor,  
Of their ancient deeds in battle—  
"Who is there on earth beside us?  
Who is there to come and fight us?"  
Thus they taunted the Collegians.  
Straight the Arts men held a pow-wow,  
Rose the "count" and spake in this wise;  
"Too long have we borne their insults,  
Let us rise and break our fetters,  
Send these insolent, proud braggarts,  
Back unto the land they came from."  
Like the sound of many waters,  
Swift as fire upon the prairie,  
Rushed the Arts men to the battle.  
Then there followed such a conflict,  
As the sun had never looked on;  
All the earth was full of darkness,  
All the stars of heaven trembled;  
Long the dreadful combat lasted,  
But at setting of the sunset,  
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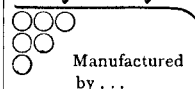
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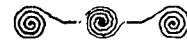
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## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CALENDAR.

### DECEMBER—

1. Last day for appointment of School Auditors by Public and Separate School Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 21 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 28 (5).] (*On or before 1st Dec.*)  
Municipal Clerk to transmit to County Inspector statement showing whether or not any county rate for Public School purposes has been placed upon Collector's roll against any Separate School supporter. [P.S. Act, sec. 68 (1); S.S. Act, sec. 50.] (*Not later than 1st Dec.*)
- 5 County Model Schools Examinations begin. (*During the last week of the session.*)
- 6 Practical Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (*Subject to appointment.*)
13. Returning Officers named by resolution of Public School Board [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2).] (*Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.*)  
Last day for Public and Separate School Trustees to fix places for nomination of Trustees. [P.S. Act, sec. 57 (2); S.S. Act, sec. 31 (5).] (*Before 2nd Wednesday in Dec.*)
14. Local Assessment to be paid Separate School Trustees. [S.S. Act, sec. 55.] (*Not later than 14th Dec.*)  
Written Examinations at Provincial Normal Schools begin. (*Subject to appointment.*)
15. Municipal Council to pay Secretary-Treasurer Public School Boards all sums levied and collected in township. [P.S. Act, sec. 67 (1).] (*On or before 15th Dec.*)  
County Councils to pay Treasurer High Schools. [H.S. Act, sec. 30.] (*On or before 15th Dec.*)  
County Model School term ends. Reg. 58. (*Close on 15th day of Dec.*)

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### INTERESTING FIND.

The following, with a few corrections, is copied from a scrap of paper found in the corridors one day last week. Judging from the juvenile hand, the poem (?) was the work of some Freshman. He must, however, have been more mature than usual, for the lines are replete with sage advice that would have had weight even from the lips of a venerable Senior:

PLUG, FOR EXAMS. ARE COMING.

Plug, for exams. are coming,  
 Plug, to the morning hours;  
 Plug, while the dew is falling,  
 Plug, 'mid springing showers;\*  
 Plug, when the day grows brighter;  
 Plug, while the others play;  
 Plug, for exams. are coming  
 On the first of May.

Plug, for exams. are coming,  
 Plug, thro' the morning noon;  
 Fill brightest hours with labor,  
 Exams. come sure and soon.  
 Plug, Freshmen, Soph's and Seniors,  
 Through all the night and day;  
 Plug, for exams. are coming,  
 On the first of May.

\* Evidently "Showers of Spring."

N. F. Coleman, '00, was a very prominent figure in the "scrap," but met his fate, so the story goes, when he mistook a big six-foot Freshman for a knight of the dissecting table.

We are sorry to hear that J. K. Noble, a member of the Century Class, is not improving as rapidly as his friends would wish. He has not been in attendance at lectures since Christmas. His brother, who is a graduate of '98, has been home for some weeks; he holds a responsible and lucrative position as a traveller in New York State. He will be remembered as being prominent in the Assault-at-Arms last year.

The following has come to light, concerning a well-known man of the Second Year, who has already retreated from the ranks of celibacy. After the "scrap," on Thursday, a kind friend offered to assist him to brush off his trousers. "(Oh! never mind," he said, "I'll get them *well-brushed* for me when I get home." What did he mean?

The Museum proved to be a somewhat interesting place for a bride and groom the other day. The former was a very fascinating young lady, so attractive that the Medical students and Natural Science men found it absolutely necessary to examine several specimens in the Museum, to the infinite embarrassment of the bride and annoyance of the groom.

Officers of Modern Language Club for 1899-1900, elected Monday, March 6th, 1899:

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 Second Year Rep., Miss Robinson.

"Lexie" Isbester was probably the most unfortunate of all last Thursday. A broken rung of the bicycle rack was forced through his right hand, lacerating it very severely. Dr. Primrose put four stitches in it.



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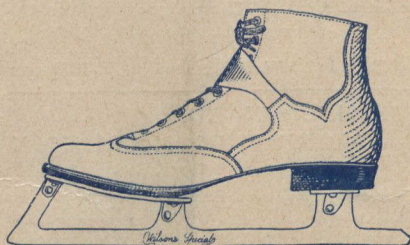


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