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THE GLASGOW JUBILEE ; AN APPRECIATION

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The 450th anniversary of Glasgow University received not a little press notice in Canada at the time of its celebration in June last. It is fair to suppose that college men and women took some interest in such reports as came under their observation, in spite of the very engrossing work of the spring and the still more engrossing relaxations of the summer. Nevertheless, there were some features of that event which, to an eye-witness chiefly perhaps, signified much that was and more that was about to be; a significance which Associated Press despatches hardly took the trouble to record, if indeed they noted them at all. Of these features I shall say something. And, in order to properly convey the idea so generally felt by visitors to the celebration, it will be necessary briefly to picture the place, describe the people, and place both in history.

Glasgow is a dirty, gray city, very like London, and subject to the same chronic foggy drizzle—only more so. Perhaps that is because they are the first two cities of the Empire. Perhaps it is to keep them from being too proud of that fact. In any case, the commerce that has made Glasgow prosperous and dirty has made it also progressive and cosmopolitan. If one is grieved because a motorman from the Highlands haughtily refuses to stop a car, one is pleased with the corporation which owns its own trolley system. If the artist feels a sense of desecration because the city pollutes with its smoke a fraction of the prettiest scenery of the world, and even draws its water from Loch Katrine, he is appalled in another sense by the encouragement of education in art provided in one of the finest art galleries of Europe; and is surprised that such an intensely commercial city should be the birth-place of one of the most striking movements in the history of art.

The people of Glasgow have given reputation to the Scotch race. They don't exactly worship in the Temple of Wealth, for they have the Established Kirk and the "United Free," with the Episcopal for the Kelvinside folk. But, they combine good and bad in the aggregate, the composite type is a man who in business hours talks business and nothing else, and at the club or at home is one of your jolly good fellows, whose unaffected bluntness of accent and opinion rarely takes on an accession of "side," and who nevertheless, as I have seen, can discuss science with the whole British Association, and art with the president of the French Academy. The people of Glasgow want everything that is going, and everything the best of its kind. In consequence of this peculiarity, they got a university four hundred and fifty years ago, because St. Andrew's had had one out in shortly before. While unprepared to make any invidious comparisons, I will only refer to the names of Lord Kelvin, the greatest living scientist; the late Sir William McCormack, Bart., the greatest physician; Sir Richard Jebb, and Professors Mavor and Laing of Toronto University, as men whose education at Glasgow as men together with their native ability, have put them on an eminence. What men similarly great have lived and died in the generations since the university was founded and America was discovered and printing was invented, the youth of to-day can only infer. It is enough that all over the world to-day universities regard Hunter and Kelvin, Adam Smith and Smart as authorities in their curricula. These alone antedate the settlement of Toronto.

Therefore, when the venerable institution installed by the University of Bologna remembered that installation, and wished to remind others thereof, there was a state of high respect already existing towards her in the other educational centers of the civilized world. On the date fixed for the celebration, June 12 to 17, came the greatest collegians of Europe and America, Asia and Africa; and some others, greater still, famous by accomplishments in science, art, and letters—all flattered by the invitation and honored by the degree conferred in commemoration.

The part of the undergraduate body in the celebration was important, though indeed of the faculty and student bodies each was distinct and outside of comparison, in the different functions of the celebration. Age ate while youth danced, and sat in solemn silence on stiff, uncompromising front seats while youth shouted in glee or chattered in lofty exhalation from the back of the gallery. The student body—red gown and all—have an unbroken descent from those students who in early days are said to have governed the whole university. Therefore there is a sort of traditional air of proprietorship about the undergrads, which flattered those who, as student delegates, were their particular guests. As a student delegate, writing to students of a reception by students, I shall try to give what was the impression made upon the minds of young men and young women from the world at large on account of the jubilee. It will not be necessary to recall the at home and conversats, the dances and dinners, the solemn and the lively processions, the dry and the interesting speeches, the thrilling songs and wearing ceremonies, and the many other things which made the week pass like a changing dream. Discussion rests upon the result of such a gathering.

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A further suggestion I should offer to Toronto colleges, and in particular to Varsity, is to take a look into the past and a look into the future before they destroy for any reason any tradition of their institution. As seen while traveling in England, France, and Germany, and as evidenced at the jubilee, all the old universities are distinguished most wisely by scores of customs and traditional peculiarities. It is regretted by most graduates that at University College during the past quarter of a century very many practices have been denied and abolished on more or less hasty and partial consideration by the students. Indeed, it has been said the great Provincial University is like nothing so much as an advanced high school. There is chance for clearer perspective when, having graduated, one is made to observe the character of the ancient universities, and to see that they preserve beneath the concentration of their old habits the vigor of youth, all the more remarkably, since each possesses an absolute individuality because of the distinction. And so one is disposed at once desperately to counsel conservative judgment for the formation of a college character, and to look hopefully for real progression, which will be just as sure if not secured by means of iconoclasm.

In conclusion, on behalf of Mr. Ingram and myself, as delegates appointed to represent the University of Toronto at the Glasgow fetes, I desire to express our appreciation of the honor, an appreciation which is none the less sincere because it seems probable that the University of Toronto greatly underestimated the privilege they were conferring. And, indirectly, to evince our gratitude for the hospitality and honor conferred in our persons upon Toronto University by the students of Glasgow, than whom we know of no more manly, honest, hearty fellow-students in either hemisphere.

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A MOCK PARLIAMENT.

The Opening Feature of the University
Literary and Scientific
Society.

FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 13.

A mock parliament will be the chief feature of the program at the open meeting of the University College Literary and Scientific Society on Friday evening, December 13. The leader of the government is J. W. Cunningham, '02, and of the opposition, G. F. McFarland, '02. The president of the society, Dr. W. P. Thompson, will preside as speaker.

The adoption of the speech from the throne will be moved by A. M. Manson, '05, and seconded by W. B. Preston, '05, and the debate will bring forth wondrous oratory from the ministry and opposition.

The following will constitute the cabinet: Rt. Hon. Sir John Wokon Cunningham, G.C., M.G., P.C., LL.D. (Oxon.), President of the Council and First Minister.

Hon. Gen. Richard J. Hamilton, V.C., C.M.G., Minister of Militia and Defence.

Hon. Sir Frank Herbert Phipps, K.C., M.G., B.S.A., Minister of Agriculture.

Hon. Sir William H. Ingram, Bart., K.C.M.G., LL.D. (Glasgow), Minister of Public Works.

Hon. Robert B. Cochrane, D.D., Minister of Trade and Commerce.

Hon. Sir Alexis J. Isbister, LL.B., Secretary of State.

Hon. J. Redgley Bett, K.C., B.A., Minister of Inland Revenue.

Hon. Alexander Cochrane, B.A., J.P., Postmaster-General.

Hon. J. A. Soule, K.C., D.C.L., Mus. Bac., Minister of Justice.

Hon. W. Crowell Bray, B.A., Sec. Minister of Finance.

Hon. W. H. Little, LL.B., Minister of Customs.

Hon. F. H. Honeywell, K.C., LL.D., Solicitor-General.

Hon. A. Cohen, Ph.D., Minister of the Interior.

Hon. D. B. Gillies, C.E., C.M.B., Minister of Railways, Canals, and Airships.

Hon. H. F. Wallace, B.Paed., Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Hon. W. H. McGuire, K.C., and W. H. McHugh, B.A., Sec. Ministers without portfolio.

The opposition benches will be occupied by the Hon. Sir George Franklin McFarland, K.C., LL.D.; G. S. Hodgson, J. A. Martin, C. L. Wilson, W. C. Klotz, E. H. Oliver, F. A. McDiarmid, R. M. Stewart, H. J. Symington, R. Stratton, W. A. Amos, F. H. Broder, A. A. Magee, J. C. Smith, W. M. Treadgold, I. N. Loesser, F. A. Broadfoot.

Mr. Arnot Craik ('02) will act as clerk of the house, T. E. Brown ('02) as assistant clerk, Thomas N. R. Phelan ('02) as sergeant-at-arms, and W. O. Walker ('02) as gentleman usher of the black rod.

The speech from the throne will comment on the substantial progress Canada has made in the year just closing, a progress which the measures proposed by the new ministry will assuredly continue to promote. To facilitate the transportation of the bountiful harvests of the great North-West to the markets of the United Kingdom and to promote trade with Europe measures will be submitted to extend the Intercolonial Railway from Montreal to a suitable port on the Georgian Bay, to grant a subsidy to establish a fast steamship line from Sydney, C.B., to Liverpool, and to establish a commercial agency in London. Parliament will be asked to sanction the appointment of a commission to arrange for the admission of Newfoundland into the Confederation.

The maintenance of a regiment of Canadian yeomanry for service in South Africa will be further promoted by a measure to confirm an alliance, offensive and defensive between Toronto and McGill universities, in order to resist the contemplated aggressions of the Triple Alliance of Principal Grant of Queen's, Andrew Carnegie, and President Roosevelt.

Among other measures will be found bills for providing for the deporting of Anarchists, bumptious freshmen, and other dangerous characters to the Mackenzie District, in order to develop the mineral resources of that region; for the abolition of co-education at the University; for effecting the affiliation of Osgoode with Varsity; for the settling of Varsity girls in the North-West, in order to raise the standard of culture there, and for the setting aside of appropriations for the erection of a convocation hall, a medical building, a miners and engineering building, and a physical laboratory for the University of Toronto.

The Mulock Cup Series.

This week will complete the Mulock Cup series. In the last game the S.P.S. seniors defeated the Meds. by 15 to 11 in the final of Group B on Varsity Field. The game was a hard-fought one and the result undecided until the end. The teams were:

S.P.S. (15): Back, Harcourt; halves, Laing, Madden, Gibson; quarter, Robertson; snaphack, Burwash; wings, Campbell, A. R. Campbell, McLennan, Bonnell, White, Cummings.

Meds (11): Back, McIntyre; halves, Gilbert, Robb, Biggs; quarter, Aikens; snaphack, Burwell; wings, Buck, Galbraith, Lond, Waterous, Gowland, Pont. Referee—Frank Woodworth. Umpire—Dr. McCollum. Linemen—Morrison, T. Irving, Timer—Irving.

On Monday the sophs. and junior arts men play off. On Tuesday S.P.S. and St. Michael's meet, and the final will be played on Friday.

THE TRUST PROBLEM.

The Sophomores Win the Inter-Year
Debate.

DATE OF ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Resolved, That trusts are in the best interests of the community." This was the resolution supported by Messrs. Overend and Coleman of '04 on the affirmative and denied by Messrs. Moore and Millar of '05 on the negative on Friday evening last, at the Literary Society. The sophomores won after a very well-touted struggle, in which the speakers on both sides showed considerable proficiency.

Mr. Overend, leader of the affirmative, distinguished trusts from combines and monopolies. He considered the trusts to be beneficial because they reduced the price of produced articles without lessening the price of raw material, placed many things within the reach of the poor hitherto beyond them, and provided steady markets, and hence steady wages for workmen. They also promoted foreign enterprise and afforded a safe investment for capital.

Mr. Moore, '05, leader of the negative, read an essay which he had prepared on the subject. He noted the fact that there was continual anti-trust legislation, and that the Canadian Parliament had declared against trusts, a sufficient evidence, he thought, that they were harmful. The trusts were in a position to dictate to the labor system, and used their power unjustly. One great evil induced by trusts was the discriminating freight rates, by which system the small shipper was entirely shut out.

Coleman '04, spoke very effectively for the affirmative. The trusts, he said, saved the nation much money by their being able to lessen the cost of selling and distributing goods, having fewer salesmen and doing less advertising. The history of labor in the United States for the past 20 years showed that since trusts were established more men were employed and higher average wages paid. They were able to give steadier employment than the competitive companies. The argument that men lost their individuality on account of trusts was not valid, as we do not want individuality as producers, but of citizens, and for the latter three things were necessary, viz., shorter hours, better wages, and steadier employment, all of which were furthered by the trust.

Mr. Millar, '05, on the negative, spoke of the danger attending the system of over-capitalization practised by trusts, or in other words, the watering of stock. He considered that trusts had too much power, and interfered with national liberty, while the control they had over legislation was a menace to the country. They built up foreign trade, but at too great a cost to their own country.

The judges—Messrs. Coffin, Dickinson, and Oliver of '02—decided in favor of the affirmative.

Messrs. Thomson and Kilminster then rendered an instrumental duet, which was well received.

The meeting then reverted to the order of business. The following recommendations of the general committee were adopted: That \$25 be expended for bunting, flags, and other decorations, providing the Undergraduate Union contribute the same amount; that the annual oratorical contest be on January 31, 1902, and the senior inter-year debate on January 24.

Mr. Phelan, on behalf of the Dinner Committee, appealed for more support, especially from the freshmen. Mr. McDiarmid, '02, was elected as Varsity's representative to the School dinner, and Messrs. W. Allison and E. Mackenzie of '02 as representatives at the Lady Meds' reception.

Mr. Oliver's motion to distribute copies of Varsity among the collegiates and high schools was amended to read that the Senate be asked to consider the proposition. Mr. A. E. Hamilton's motion that a committee of three be appointed to confer with the executives of the Alumni Association and Undergraduate Union regarding the amalgamation and co-operation of the college journals was carried.

Mr. Soule's motion that the society contribute \$10 for a trophy for the inter-collegiate debating league was amended, it being resolved to ask the league to provide this itself.

The meeting then adjourned.

MUNICIPAL GOVT.

Mayor Howland Speaks at Political
Science Club.

SOME MUNICIPAL PROBLEMS.

The Political Science Club on Thursday last had as their guest and speaker the Mayor of Toronto. The subject of his address was "Some Problems in Municipal Government," and it was dealt with in an able and interesting manner.

Mr. Howland began his address by a reference to the importance of the study of economics and the place it was taking to-day among the various branches of study. Every student must feel that municipal problems are worthy of a large place in his attention. Our municipal institutions have a very ancient history. In Ontario they are embodied in a mass of unintelligible statutes, but in older nations their history may be more clearly traced. The great nations originally were practically great cities, and the strength of the nation depended upon their power and cohesion. In the Dark Ages the

great cities fell, and after this period there was a rebuilding which began with the cities again, e.g., London and Winchester in England.

The time has come when cities may once more become the strongholds of the country and the centers of progress. Cities are now face to face with the problem of accommodating themselves to their areas and population. As these have grown it has become more and more hard to secure a representative and centralized government that will be reliable, sure, and satisfactory. The cities form units of political organization. If they would combine their governments they would form a safeguard for the interests of the people, and could meet the corporations on their own grounds.

The executive powers should be concentrated as much as possible in one chief executive committee, towards which all lines of administration should converge. The present system of the Board of Control is a step in this direction, but is not far enough. It is rather a court of appeal, and is itself subject to appeal in the Council as a whole. There should be some internal check of power and mutual responsibility. There will be amendments brought in the near future in the Council to throw the election of the Board of Control upon the electorate of the city.

All systems intended for the government of the people revert at last to the spirit and resolution of the people themselves. "Eternal vigilance is the price of safety" will always apply in municipal politics. In Toronto the average popular vote may always be depended on to do the wise and proper thing.

The Press forms a recording and reporting link between the people and their representatives, and this is a vital and important function. The press should be worthy of the responsibility thus thrust upon it, and the city should require integrity from the newspapers as much as from her public men.

The city is an enlargement of family life, with its common interests. The theater should be owned by the city, as it is capable of great educational influences. In conclusion, the Mayor advised the young men present never to let the search for wealth or the race for pleasure drive from their minds their duty to their own communities.

Professor Mavor was called on to say a few words, and made one of his usual interesting and instructive speeches, dealing with the city of Glasgow, which owns its gas, water, and street railway systems and administers as well as owns these. He said that Mayor Howland had shown the greatest energy and integrity in his office as Mayor of the city.

THE ATHLETIC DANCE.

Last Tuesday evening the annual athletic dance was held in the gymnasium. A large number of the beauty and chivalry from the University and from the city were present, and every one spent a most enjoyable evening. The music was good and the company gay, and it is said by those who have attended the athletic dances for some years that the last dance was the best yet held.

The athletic directorate are to be congratulated on the marked success of the function.

FOR THE FACULTY CUP.

On Saturday morning a hotly-contested game in Association football was played between the seniors and juniors, which resulted in a draw game, the score being one all. The seniors were picked for winners, but for the first half the juniors had rather the better of the game, scoring a goal. During the last half the famous '02 team "tingered up" a little and put the ball through the posts once, evening the score, but were unable to do the trick again. There were some lively discussions during the game, and more than once it seemed as if there would be "razors a-flyin' in the air," but fortunately the game was brought to a close without bloodshed.

NOTES OF THE MUSICAL CLUBS.

It is at last possible to give a definite announcement in regard to the tour. In another column will be found an article dealing with the decision arrived at in a meeting of the whole Harmonic Club last evening, after the practice of the Glee Club.

On Thursday last the Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Club played a couple of numbers most acceptably at the open meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society. The club will practice as usual on Tuesday afternoon.

The Glee Club made its first public appearance of the year on Sunday last, at the meeting of the Canadian Temperance League, in Massey Hall. The audience was large and appreciative, and seemed well satisfied with the three selections sung by the club. Mr. Charles Clarke was in particularly fine voice for his solo, and was most enthusiastically applauded. The Glee Club will practice as usual, twice a week—Monday and Friday.

The Harmonic Club photograph will be taken on this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 1.45, at Park Brothers, in Yonge street. Everyone who has been connected with the club this year is expected to be on hand. Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar men, as well as members of the orchestra and Glee Club members, are requested to wear evening dress, with black tie, if possible. Lack of a dress suit should keep no one back, however. Everyone bring gowns. C. L. W.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE DINNER.

The annual dinner will be held this evening in the East Hall. The hour is 7.30, not 8 o'clock, as was formerly announced. All are requested to be there sharp on time.

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Why is it that the men in physics in the senior year are expected to work two days a week in the optical laboratory...

Found, while sitting on the stairs leading to the East Hall at the '04 reception—a lady's medium-sized kid glove...

At the open meeting of the Mathematical and Physical Society on Thursday evening we heard a remark to the effect that Pat Deroche and Flirt McDiarmid were present.

C. R. Fitzgerald, '00, renewed acquaintances at the '03 reception on Saturday evening.

G. A. Thompson and J. C. McIntosh have each been nursing a sore hand the last few days as a result of "too much work" in the chemical building.

Reggie Bell and Fred Honeywell entertained a large number of their friends at the matinee on Friday. They enjoyed their smoke very much.

H. M. McNeil, '03, looked very natty in his high silk at Rugby. Did you see him?

A. R. Cochrane enjoyed a very pleasant evening as representative of Varsity at the Victoria concert on Friday evening. Also says the walking was good...

Let there be a large turnout at the mock parliament next Friday evening. The leaders, Messrs. Cunningham and McFarland, promise a treat for those who are present.

Naughty senior to freshette at '03 reception—Come and let us slope out this number.

Freshette—Wait till I see with whom I have it. M-o-n-t-a-g-u-e—Montague, oh, no! I won't; he is such a dear little fellow! I will not miss it!

F. A. McD., '02 (soliloquizing aloud)—Yes, Cranston went to Guelph for Thanksgiving Day. They went to the Bobby Burns concert. She enjoyed it immensely. He is a firm believer than ever in the Thanksgiving season...

Cran, says he didn't see Freddy Broadfoot anywhere around, but heard that Alex. and Bob Cochrane had been meandering around the Royal College about the time of the King's Birthday.

Tommy Hogrove, '03, has at last been heard from. He is running a lurch for his father away out at Walsh, Assa. Owing to the fact that his eyes have given him some trouble...

The many friends of James P. MacGregor, '02, are glad to see him around the halls again.

WHY HE TURNED. Not long ago, in Perthshire, a woman was driving her husband down a narrow lane when on turning a sharp corner they encountered a brewer's cart. Neither had room to pass...

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In another column will be found Mr. McCredie's article on the Glasgow exhibition. The University of Glasgow last year invited delegates from different "unions" to a conference...

On Thursday evening, the 5th inst., the first match in the Toronto Chess League took place. The University of Toronto chess team met the Y.M.C.A. team in the Y.M.C.A. parlors...

The next match is on Thursday, the 12th inst., between Y.M.C.A. and Varsity, and will take place at the Union.

DUGAS AND HIS WONDERFUL SNAKE. A cabin in a lonely gulch near Gold Hill, in Arizona, had two occupants, a Frenchman and a snake...

The cabin of the Frenchman was fastened by an old-fashioned inside latch; a string was tied to the latch and passed through a hole some six inches above it to the outside...

The Frenchman desired to enter the cabin he pulled the string, pushed the door, and it swung inward. One night he returned home quite late...

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TRINITY MEDS.

The Post Has Another Attack—The Dinner.

CONCERT ON THE 11TH.

THE FRESHIE.

The freshie entered the medical school. To pay his entrance fee; Determined to look serene and cool, As if none were calm as he.

The corridor wall, so high and white, Where honored names were scrolled, Fired the mind of that freshie bright, With visions of medals of gold.

The waiting-room he marched within, His heart was beating high; The tall old skeleton, with ironic grin, Grinned, "Once a proud freshie was I."

But the silent warning he heeded not, He dreams of achieving fame; He pays his money to the canny Scot, And the register bears his name.

He looks around with an air of pride—"I'm a student now," says he; But Alex. looked at the door and sighed— Elevation was yet to be.

At length came round the fateful day, He still remembers his hopes; And marches foremost to the fray, With crowsbar armed, and ropes.

The barriers yield to his battering ram, His spirit burns like fire; With valiant heart he leads the van— On, boys! Let's drive them higher!

But a Primary seized that freshie bold, Those steel-like muscles he feels; That iron grip he can't unfold! And heavenward point his heels.

His senses waver! His mind grows dim, He is grappled and passed so high; The things that really happened him He knows not what, nor why.

He is set down hard, a heavy heap, Nor dares to renew the fray; Doctors must learn to bear defeats, Is the lesson taught that day.

Their lectures and bone-grinds dull her ears, And hopes success to win; When his name first on the roll appears, Hope shines once more within.

But exams are delusive when yet to come, The professor smiled coldly and said: "Oesophagus don't enter the foramen magnum; Again your bones must be read."

Another rosy dream was dispelled, Another hope dashed to the ground; But the truths next learned were more firmly held, And the foundation built more sound.

Two years he wields the dissector's knife, Plugs science—enjoyment takes; The lights and shades of a student's life, Policemen and Hallowe'en scrapes.

Then tastes the joys of relieving pain, At the Burnside draws the gates ajar; And is taught a nobler and better air, And a reward that is richer far.

Than any he dreamed in his early years, Ere knowledge his ardor cooled; Ere he left his home with half-boisish tears, And entered the Trinity School.

For may it be sung in measures greater, And dispute it ye who can; The aim of our dear old Alma Mater Is to make the freshie—a man. —ROBBY.

The annual banquet was held in the Temple on Thursday evening last. Now, our task in describing that function is likely to prove a difficult one, for if we do the subject anything like justice, folks who were not there will accuse us of blowing our own horn too loudly, for certainly it left nothing to be desired, and the committee are to be congratulated for giving us the most successful banquet in many years. The service, the decorations, the music, the speeches, left nothing to be desired. The menu card is an object of especial pride to the boys, not only because it is a work of art of no ordinary type, but because it was executed by one of ourselves—Dr. C. M. Heydon, who graduated last year.

The delegates were treated to the usual tally-ho drive about the city. They arrived at the college about 5 o'clock, and were entertained there by Dr. Sheard's famous oration, "Prima Via," which seems ever to grow fresher as the years go by. That part of the entertainment closed with a practical demonstration of an "elevation"—but Morrison wouldn't scrap. At the dinner fully three hundred guests were present. The boys turned out almost to a man. The dinner passed off without a hitch, and all who were there are unanimous in their decision that this was the most successful banquet they had ever attended. This was our first experiment in the way of a "beerless" dinner, but we do not attribute any portion of its success to that factor, yet the peculiar coincidence of such a marked and surpassing success at our first "dry" dinner may lead to the permanent establishment of that innovation.

The music of the evening was supplied by Teddy Byron's orchestra, and a number of new choruses were sung at intervals by the boys with considerable enthusiasm. Space forbids us to give an account of the speeches of the evening or any list of the guests present, but this has been treated fairly fully in the public press, to which we refer our readers. We would merely mention the excellent character of the speeches of the representatives, more especially Mr. Beer of Victoria and Mr. Browley of Osgoode. Archie Anderson deserves our best congratulations for the able way in which he fulfilled his duties as chairman of the evening.

Do not forget the concert on the 11th, boys. It is going to be all right. Bring your ladies. Every student is expected to bring at least one, and every freshman at least three. A glance at the program will convince anyone that a good time is in store for those who go. Word has just been received of the marriage of Black of the class of '04, in Victoria, B.C. We tender him our hearty congratulations, and hope to see him back with us soon. I wonder who will be first to follow his bold example? It is whispered that one or two of '03 will take unto themselves wives during the Christmas holidays. Do you know who they are?

McDonald, '04, seems to have grown weary of his nomadic life, and settled down. It is said he has actually remained in the same lodging-house since the beginning of this term. Why does Serson frequent that candy store in Yonge street so much? Is it because the taffy he gets there is so sweet or that the pretty girl who sells it is sweeter?

It is rumored that Hicks of '05 intends giving a musical evening to his friends in his rooms, at 372 Sackville street, some evening before Christmas closing. If the snow does not lie too thickly upon the ground no doubt "some will come on bicycles." The citizens of Wingham will be interested in hearing of the big theatrical enterprise which took McIlvane of '05 to Cleveland since our last issue.

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Why does the sinking sun resemble the banana? Because the day-goes with it. Willie Hefferon does not like to mention his Thanksgiving day dinner. Space will not permit us to tell the things Jim Pakenham expects from Santa Claus. Jim Kirkwood was wise. He has borrowed a pair of Steve Nelson's stockings for the occasion. Too bad we are not all Arts football teams. They can go into the Mulock Cup finals on one game. St. Michael's, however, is the mark for every affiliated College the committee can think of, and has to win four to do it. Messrs. Ditman, Burke, Byrne, and Co., the new tailors, have a special line of trousers.

On Thursday evening last everything around the College was aglow with life and beauty, when the Faculty and students gave their sixth annual "At Home." The large operating room, which was reserved for dancing, gaily decorated with flags, bunting, streamers, evergreen, drapes, and plants, presented a splendid appearance, and when to this was added the bright effect of the ladies' costumes, it was indeed a brilliant scene. Glionna's orchestra supplied the music, and dancing was indulged in from 8.30 till a very early hour. In the large lecture-room limelight views were shown at intervals, and exhibitions were given also of the "x" ray apparatus, all of which were greatly enjoyed. Refreshments were served in the upper laboratories, and in every way the arrangements were entirely satisfactory. After the "At Home" the committee had a dinner, at which the representatives from the various colleges were entertained.

The patroneses were: Mrs. G. W. Ross, Mrs. Loudon, Mrs. Hanna, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. W. E. Wilmont, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. McDonough, Mrs. Harold Clark, Mrs. J. F. Ross, Mrs. Primrose, Mrs. Trotter, and Mrs. Starr. The officers of the committee who so ably managed the affair were: Chairman, Dr. A. B. A. Mason; Secretary, J. M. Sharpe; Treasurer, E. H. Wickware. The professional decorating was done by Mr. John T. Wilson, to whom great credit is due for the pleasing effects produced.

As there seems to be a general misapprehension as to the position of the Hockey Club, a few words might not be amiss here. As is generally known, at a meeting of the Executive about a week ago it was decided to enter a team in the intermediate series of the O. H. A. No sooner had this been done, however, than the question was raised at Varsity as to whether, in our position as an affiliated college, we had the right to enter a team in such a league in which Varsity also had a team entered, and thus, in a sense, it has been expressed, "back up against Varsity." Now, to those who are in a position to judge, it was well known that there was absolutely no desire on the part of the Dental College to in any manner give "a severe blow to the unity of the University," but the primary, and, one might add, the chief, cause of our action was the inability of our men to get out to Varsity practices without a great deal of inconvenience. However, after a vast amount of talk, and a fine lot of threats from those who had nothing to do with it, the Athletic directorate called a meeting to discuss the question, and to this meeting we were asked to send representatives.

After a couple of hours' discussion the meeting adjourned with the understanding that the directorate would prepare a proposition to be presented to our Hockey Executive. This was done, and to this proposition, to save any further trouble or disagreeable feeling, our Executive agreed, the arrangement being in substance about like this: We drop out of the O. H. A.—as an independent team. Varsity will enter a team in the intermediate O. H. A., and will arrange for two sets of practice hours at the rink. At one of these periods the Varsity II. team will practice, and the other period will be at such a time that every dental can turn out, and at this time also other members of the Varsity Club can practice if they so desire. Each of these "squads" will select a manager and captain, who will choose the team, and these teams will then play off. The winning team will then represent Varsity II., with the power to draw men from the losing team. This team will then again choose a manager and captain.

To this arrangement, then, as previously stated, we have agreed, and though possibly not as satisfactory as the original conditions, still we have the consoling feature that we remain an integral part of the Varsity Club, and now everyone should put forth his most earnest efforts and prove that we are all good Varsity men, heart and soul, whether in the O. H. A. or out of it. It is currently reported that Long of the Junior class spent a lot of time the other day at Ambrose Kent and Co.'s, with his attention fixed on the beauties of a certain solitaire diamond. What's trump, Eddie? Simpson and Leacy are still on the search for the man who locked them in the large lecture-room last week, when they were displaying the beauties of the building to two pairs of admiring eyes.

The Juniors are again raising objections to Bill Wood continually changing his place two seats to the right in the lecture-room. They threaten to throw him out the next time. Which freshman was it that bought the plate that the Juniors obtained up at the Biolog? We are told that Pettigrew was the happiest man in town when on Friday night he took his seat at the Grand. It is said that the festivities of Thursday night were too much for Dudley, and that he should have stayed away from the Biolog on Friday. Wake up, "Dud." You can have a sleep at Christmas.

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Poor Stern, Murphy is on the sick list. Rev. Fr. Sullivan spent Sunday in Peterboro. Mr. E. J. Keirnan entertained his uncle, Rev. Fr. Kiernan, last Monday. Some of the football players will be unable to get home for Xmas, as the Mulock Cup series have to be played off. Messrs. W. J. and Joe Maguire entered college this week. Jack Rickett spent Sunday at Toronto Junction. This popularity is awful, Jack. When you have half a day to spend, go up and hear Mr. Jas. Cunningham tell about his friend "Bill." "My dear Jack, how do you feel this morning?" In the Lime Kiln Club Mr. Quail speaks of Second-the-Motion Jones. But the said Jones will have to dig for the cedars when our curly haired member takes the stand. The regular meeting of St. Michael's Literary Society was held Friday evening. The first number on the program was an essay on "McKinley," by Mr. John Gibbons. The writer gave us a very correct appreciation of the great President. The composition traced his life from his birth to his very sad end last October. The work, aside from its historical value, was of high literary merit. Mr. W. B. Collins was to have furnished the second item, but that member was not prepared. Mr. Kavanagh next read an able article on the "British Coronation Oath." The composition very nicely showed the injustice of the former oath, and wherein the present one might still be remedied. For, as the writer well expressed, there is no reason why loyal and faithful subjects should be grossly insulted by the very oath that makes their king. Mr. Frank Jones was the next reader. His essay on "Colonial Civilization in the United States" gave us an idea of the life of the New England pioneers. The writer gave very fully the statistics of these States, relieved here and there by a slight touch of humor. "Turkey's European Power," by Mr. R. Welch, was indeed a fine composition. The writer traced in an able manner the growth of other nations of Europe with Turkey. One who has not had a chance to learn the government and politics of the land of the crescent would find entertainment and knowledge in Mr. Welch's essay. After some good suggestions had been given by the president, Mr. A. Richard moved the adjournment of the meeting, which motion found a second in M. H. Richard. Mr. Pickett's latest:

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Colonel Otter, D.O.C., is in the near future to inspect the Toronto Engineers in their drill, with special attention to ceremonial, extended order, and skirmishing. With this object in view, two fine drills were engaged in last week, with good turnouts at both.

The school team who played the Toronto Meds. on Friday, December 6, were as follows: Pete Harcourt, Art Laing, Jack Madden, Gibby, Robby, Wabash, Biddy, Baldy, Rusty, Bessie, Ross White, Bert Small, Gzowski.

Messrs. Conlon and Culbert held a very swiftness evening at their apartments a few days ago. As usual on such occasions, "Cully" was master of ceremonies, and entertained the boys during the selections with an account of the developments of some of his mining claims up north. Cully is doing well.

Quite a few fellows took in the Rugby dance last week, and no doubt many more would have done so but for the nearness of the School dinner.

Principal Galbraith, lecturing on constructive design: "As soon as I find out myself what I do mean, I'll tell you what I mean." We are still waiting.

Things didn't run smooth at the School Wednesday of last week. Some lobster objected to a cartoon advertised in the dinner and took it down. Then the freshmen were only having a little fun "passing fellows' books," and they evidently know how to do it, for one in his heavenly flight kicked the arm of a gas chandelier, and a good beacon light was the result. For this they walked.

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Interest is divided between the Mulock Cup series and the School dinner. But the greatest interest is centered in the dinner, which is going to be one of the very best under the energetic management of the committee in charge.

All students should buy their tickets at once and save delay and work to those selling, who have their hands more than full. The program promises to be very good, and will help to enliven the evening. The members of the Toronto Engineers present in their uniforms will make everything look bright and pleasant.

That John Empey has a pull with the faculty at the School nobody doubts, for long experience, steady application, and the courage to stand up for one's own rights have always given John a prominent position. His latest conquest is with the waiters of the dining-hall, where his orders are not only filled to the dot, but even his meat is already cut for him.

Considerable discontent has been caused in certain circles owing to the fact that the billiard and pool tables are now only in use from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Students' Union. This arrangement is possibly favorable to Arts students, who, of course, have the largest membership, but it is not very agreeable to School fellows.

It may be said that outside of University College the S.P.S. has the largest membership in the Union. As it should be.

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The annual "At Home" of the Knox College Literary and Theological Society was held in the college building on Friday evening, December 6th. The 750 persons who were present spent an enjoyable time, and went home well pleased with the reception which they had received from the Faculty and students of the college.

The concert was given in the college convocation hall. All the persons who officiated on the program gave excellent selections, thus showing themselves to be trained artists. After the concert program was indulged in until after 12 o'clock.

We are happy to say that the finances show a balance on the right side.

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Mr. Andrew's motion regarding the advisability of having essays and discussions on theological subjects form the main part of the work of the society will be voted on. All the students should attend this meeting and vote on this proposition.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY ECHOES. —An Irishman's account of the area of British Columbia:

"B. C. is twelve times the area of Ireland and 13 times the area of Scotland, and Scotland to all Scotchmen is the greatest country in the world, and composes at least half the British Empire."

Query—What is the area of B. C.?

—An incident in a missionary's experience with an Indian's jargon and with a Western quagmire.

Settler—Come down and help me. Indian—Wahganin? Settler—Yes, the wagon's in. Indian—Kawin?

Settler—Of course the cow is in; all the things are in. Come here and help me.

One of the students found the settlers from Huron, Grey, and Bruce to be among his best supporters. He said, "They were very strict in regard to the observance of the Sabbath, but they drew the line at refusing a wee drop."

W. R. Wood has surprised his fellow-students by coming out as a poet. One of his efforts in that line will be found in the Christmas Globe.

A beautiful eulogy was given by one of our students from the West in regard to the work in the Rainy River district of Thomas Dods, '90. The student missionary said it had been his privilege to meet a British veteran, who, although he had received a V. C. for his valor, was still very unwilling to hear any references made to his actions upon the battlefield.

But in Mr. Dods he found an uncrowned and equally modest Christian hero, whose sympathy and help were given to any one in difficulty, who walked across the mucky ways or rode his hundreds of miles through rain or snow, wet through and chilled, in order to give a word of cheer or counsel. His crown and his V. C. were yet to come, when the King of all the earth shall reward his servants at the front. Among the settlers it is said that wherever Tom Dods tread the grass grows green.

Real estate transfers—Boys throwing mud at each other. Dogs are said to speak with their tails. Would it be proper, therefore, to call a short-tailed dog a stump orator?

—Compiled by Mary Robertson.

BRIEF, BUT POINTED. A brass worker—An insurance agent. "A writing pen"—An editorial sanctum.

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VICTORIA COLLEGE.

Interest has centred in our halls during the past few weeks around our annual conversations, which was held on Friday evening last in the college building.

THE ANNUAL CONVERSATIONS.

As usual, the student body, each and all, did everything possible to make the evening a success, feeling a keen interest in the welfare of their own reception to friends of the college. The committee who were appointed to make all arrangements for the event spared neither time nor service in their efforts, and are to be congratulated upon the results achieved.

Socially the event was destined from its inception to be a success, being held under the patronage of such prominent society ladies as Miss Mowat, Mesdames Ames, Eaton, Sweetnam, etc., and the earnest thanks of our college is given these ladies for their kindly enthusiasm and assistance in making our conversation such a brilliant social gathering.

Nor was the programme open to criticism in any particular, embracing as it did the leading artists in various lines of entertainment. Mr. Frank E. Blachford, the talented violinist, rendered two selections in a most delightful manner, while Mr. H. Ruthven McDonald's baritone selections drew forth a generous meed of applause and appreciation.

Mrs. Ida McLean Dilworth was, as usual, able to charm the listeners with a beautiful selection from Mignon, and Miss Beatrice Holmes gave two readings in a very acceptable manner.

Nor must we omit mention of our own College Glee Club, under the leadership of Mr. T. C. Jeffers, Mus. Bac., which rendered several good pieces in a most praiseworthy manner, such as to reflect credit upon themselves, their instructor, and their Alma Mater.

Altogether the programme was of unusual merit and attraction, and was greatly enjoyed by all who were able to gain admittance to the chapel.

D'Alesandro's orchestra had been engaged for the second part of the programme to provide music for the promenaders, and about half-past ten this part of the programme was reached.

Soon the guests dispersed to various parts of the building, and spent delightful promenades in enjoying the various features provided for their entertainment.

The entire building was a blaze of light and color, being most beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, etc. Pleasant resting places were arranged in every possible place, where guests might rest and spend the time in quiet conversation or in watching the happy throng of gay promenaders as they passed from one interesting exhibit to some other equally pleasing feature.

Chief amongst the attractions of the evening was a beautiful collection of Chinese rugs, tapestries, bronzes, etc., the property of Rev. Dr. Hart, who had kindly loaned them for exhibit during the evening. The rich harmony of coloring, the exquisite neatness of the stitching, the artistic selection of scenes portrayed in these curtains were all greatly admired by the throng of interested promenaders.

Indeed, it is safe to say that this feature contributed in no small degree to the success of the evening, as all present availed themselves of the privilege of reviewing this rare and valuable collection.

Dr. Stevenson, through whose courteous aid we obtained the loan of this collection, is to be congratulated upon the splendid success of his contribution to our evening's entertainment.

With such attractions to aid the guests in enjoying themselves, and also with the assistance of the excellent catering of Harry Webb Co., the evening departed off only too quickly, and about 1:30 a.m. the orchestra played "God Save the King," and one of our most successful conversats was ended.

In response to invitations, all of the colleges had sent representatives, and these, together with the committee whose guests they were enjoyed a dinner after the close of the public entertainment.

McGill Union, Montreal, sent a representative, Mr. McDonald, and Queen's Union was represented by Mr. Mahony.

Mr. W. H. Leech, B.A., chairman of the Conversat Committee, occupied the chair, and had charge of the toast list of the evening. All the guests and several of the committee made pleasing speeches, and the most delightful function came to an end with a hearty singing of "The Old Ontario Strand."

The committee in charge of the Conversat were: W. H. C. Leech, B.A., chairman; J. H. Fowler, '92, secretary; A. G. Stacey, '92, treasurer; R. W. Dalgleish, B.O.; J. L. Stewart, B.O.; E. J. Carson, '92; G. H. Gray, '93; D. A. Walker, '93; D. P. Rees, '93; J. Gain, '94; J. A. Dawson, '94; C. W. Bishop, '94; H. H. Craig, '95; M. C. Lane, '95; J. T. Knight, '95; A. A. Wall, and J. S. Snell.

QUEER FACTS ABOUT STRANGE "BROTHERHOODS."

The Brotherhood of Divine Shirkers is the very latest of London's many "societies." Its founder is Madam Sophie Leppel, who describes herself as a "dietetic specialist," and who sums up the code of the new organization in the words "neglect of (conventional) duties."

The "sub-title," so to speak, of the Brotherhood of the Divine Shirkers is "The Order of Stellar Serenity." But Madam Leppel admits that she is not particularly enamored of either of these designations, and asks friends to kindly suggest (if they can) a better one. Among those already submitted she considers as suitable "The Comrades of the Midnight Stars," "The Order of the Stellar Triangle," "The Knights of the Stellar Serenity," and "The Order of the Elevated."

The "Divine Shirkers" pledge themselves to read no newspapers, to leave all but really important business letters unanswered, to "boldly abolish the absurd claims of friends and relatives to monopolize their time," and to resolve firmly to begin each day by shirking some duty. In return for all this, members of the order are promised that they will in time "acquire a divine content," and may, perhaps, even "become acquainted" with themselves.

MEN WHO STARTED THE "BUFFALOES."

In a tiny tavern hard by Drury Lane

Theater the "Lushingtons" meet. This curious brotherhood is one of the oldest secret societies in existence, tracing its history back to the old "prentice days before the great fire of 1666. It also claims ("Buffs" will be interested to learn) to have been the original from which sprang the Ancient Order of Buffaloes. Certain it is, anyhow, that a buffalo's head figures prominently in the emblems and ritual, and did so many, many years ago, before the "Buffs" were thought of. And this the writer can vouch for, for he has seen and handled the emblems and perused the ritual.

The "Lushingtons" are presided over by a "lord mayor" and "aidemen," and the ordinary private members are known as "citizens." Each citizen, on joining, must choose one of four "wards," to which he henceforth belongs, and whose benefits he is entitled to share. Their names are "Suicide Ward," "Poverty Ward," "Jupiter Ward," and "Lunacy Ward."

Ninety per cent. of the members are either directly or indirectly connected with the theatrical profession. Fred Yokes, Henry Pettit, George Conquest, Sir Henry Irving, and many other equally famous knights of the buskin either are or have been "Lushingtons."

THEY CROSS KNIVES AND SPILL SALT. And just as the "Lushingtons" were the originators of the "Buffaloes," so were the "Opals" the originators of the now famous Thirteen Club. The Modern Order of Opals—to give them their full title—is a secret society, membership in which is confined to variety artists and others of that ilk.

The title is, of course, reminiscent of the ill-luck popularly supposed to be attached to the opal, but it is also a play upon the world "old pals." Members are bound to assist one another, when in distress, to the amount of thirteen pennies, sixpences, or shillings, according to their abilities.

The lodge meetings are held on Friday; also at the initiation ceremony the candidate passes in under a ladder, is obliged to cross knives, spill salt, break a mirror, and so on; after all of which he is adjudged by a council of thirteen a full-fledged "Opal," the form of declaration containing thirteen words and being repeated thirteen times.

The Honorable Order of Jocular Jest-ers dates from the spring of 1894 only, but it is said to number among its adherents many thousands of well-known people, actors, actresses, artists, politicians, and literary men and women.

The founder and premier master of the order is Mr. Edward Markwick, a well-known barrister and himself a writer of no mean ability. The members pledge themselves to try, so far as in them lies, to emulate Mr. Mark Twain, of immortal memory, by being jovial under all and every species of ill-luck and misfortune, and to furthermore utter each day at least one "Jest, joke, quip, crank, repartee, sally, or other pleasantery." The motto of the order is "Vive la bagatelle!"

The Order of the Jolly Jays is founded on very similar lines, as is also the Brotherhood of the Laughing Hyenas. Members of the first-named fraternity disport on their coat lapels a badge in the shape of a tiny silver jay; while those belonging to the latter organization use a hyena's head, with jaws widely and grinningly distended, for a similar purpose.

Each "Hyena" is also pledged to use the emblem of his order on his notepaper and visiting cards.

The exact antithesis of these three last-mentioned orders is furnished by the "Daughters of Diogenes" and the "Pessimists." The "Daughters of Diogenes," as may be inferred, are ladies, and are pledged one and all to invariably take an austere, not to say gloomy, view of life, the idea being that in a world of sin, sorrow, and suffering, gaiety, or even light-heartedness, is altogether out of place.

The "Pessimists" hold similar views. On lodge nights any member smiling, even ever so slightly, is fined, and none but the sourest visage is permissible. Curiously enough, however, the annual dinner is a most sumptuous and hilarious function, and is invariably held at Frascati's, of all West End restaurants perhaps the most gay and debonair.

Next victim being to spin a roulette wheel bearing thirteen numbers. The member at whose number the wheel stopped was pledged to take his life within 12 hours.

People who pin their faith to unlucky numbers may find food for reflection in the fact that the wheel never once stopped anywhere near thirteen. —Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Y. M. C. A. Mr. John A. Paterson will address the regular Thursday meeting this week.

Preparations have been commenced for the student volunteer convention, to be held in Toronto next spring, from February 25 to March 2. Instead of having a mission study class in our own building our men now meet in two classes, one of which is held in Wycliffe College, the other in Knox.

HARMONIC CLUB PHOTOGRAPH. Every member of the Harmonic Club as well as everyone connected with it in any way is requested to be at Park's, in Yonge street, at 1:45 sharp this (Tuesday) afternoon. Wear, if possible, evening clothes, with black tie, and bring a gown. A quarter to two, sharp!

OFFICERS ELECTED IN THE O.H.A. President—J. Ross Robertson, Toronto. First Vice-President—A. A. Macdonald, Upper Canada College, Toronto.

Second Vice-President—Dr. W. P. Thompson, St. George's, Toronto. Secretary—A. H. Beaton. Treasurer—W. A. Buchanan. Executive Committee—F. Nelson (Toronto), W. Hanley (Osgoode), J. W. Chown (Stratford), J. G. Slight (Simcoe). Two more will be chosen by the executive at their first meeting.

Secretary A. H. Beaton was voted \$250 as a mark of appreciation for his services to the association. With votes of thanks to the retiring treasurer, Mr. J. D. McMurrich, as well as to Mr. J. Ross Robertson, president of the association for 1902, the meeting adjourned.

THE LATEST VERSION. Bob Fitzsimmons has gone on record as the father of a statement that it's "the man behind the wallop" who wins the fight, and the anvil chorus have tuned their liars to the following tuneful ditty:

Dere's de man behind de gun who works our forty cents a day, An' de man behind de bar, who gets a "rake-off" wid his pay; De man behind de sermon, who runs de world jist so, But de man behind de wallop is de man who gets de dough. —Star.

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