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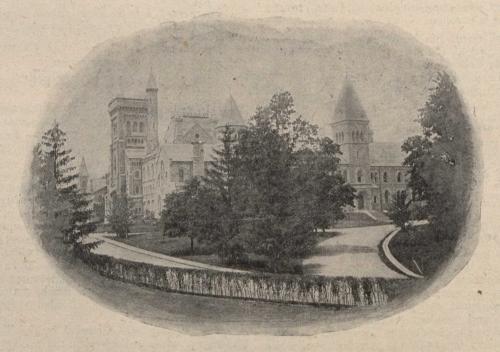
THE UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

BY JAMES BREBNER, B.A.

As is often the case, we know least about those things which are near at hand and touch us most intimately, so, if a stranger were to ask the average undergraduate to explain the constitution of the University, it is very doubtful whether the answer would be satisfactory to either of the parties. In attempting to reply one might point to the various buildings and the number of students in attendance, but these are only the outward and visible signs of our Alma Mater. There are other aspects, however, which

In 1837 the University was secularized to this extent that it was no longer necessary for the president to be the incumbent of an ecclesiastical office, or for any member of the College Council or any professor to be a member of the Church of England, and no religious test was required from any persons admitted or matriculated as scholars in the college. In 1843 the University was organized under the presidency of Dr. Strachan, with its Faculties of Arts, Medicine, Law and Divinity.

The secularization was completed by the University Act of 1849, when the Faculty of Divinity was abolished and the University of Toronto was created with its Faculties of Arts, Medicine and Law. The Faculties of



are most important and worthy of consideration, and in attempting to present some of these, a few facts in connection with the history of the University may make its present position more intelligible.

In 1828 George IV. granted a charter, the original of which is at present in the care of the bursar, to "one college, with the style and privileges of an university, as hereinafter directed, for the education and instruction of youths in arts and faculties, to continue for ever, to be

called King's College."

This college received as endowment a grant of lands known as the "Crown Reserves," and in this way has been since its inception the University of the people of this province. Whatever the original intention was, the University was in fact at first sectarian. This feature of the Act started a very bitter controversy which lasted twenty years.

Medicine and Law were abolished, and the University underwent another change in 1853, when, following the example of the reconstructed University of London, the functions of the University were divided between the two bodies, known from that day to this as the University of Toronto and University College. The former body prescribed the curricula, conducted examinations and conferred degrees; the latter had entire control over the instruction and conduct of the students, and this state of affairs lasted until 1887.

One of the prominent features of the Act of 1853 was the affiliation to the University of Toronto of Queen's College, Victoria College, Regiopoles College and Trinity College. Although none of these institutions had either applied for, or, after the passage of the Act, had accepted this privilege, these affiliations were cancelled by the Act of 1873. The University Act of 1887, when this

same principle was revived and amplified, arose out of an attack made by representatives of denominational universities on the University's claim to further State aid. As a sequel to the public discussion which then took place, a conference of representatives of all the colleges interested was held at which resolutions were adopted, looking to the revival of the University as a teaching body, with Faculties of Arts, Law and Medicine, and outlining the conditions under which any or all of these institutions might enter into confederation.

Under the Act, Victoria University, St. Michael's, Wycliffe and Knox Colleges came into confederation with the University and fall naturally into three classes. Speaking generally, to the University were assigned the Sciences and Philosophy; to University College and Victoria University, the Languages and Ethics; to St. Michael's, Wycliffe and Knox Colleges and to Victoria University in its relation as a theological college, Biblical Greek, Biblical Literature, Christian Ethics, Apologetics, Evidences of Natural and Revealed Religion and Church History, which are thus subjects in the Arts curriculum of the University, subjects originally applicable only to theological students, but now open to any undergraduate in the third or fourth years. Every student in Arts attending the University must be enrolled in either University College or Victoria University, and pays his fees for tuition, whether in College or University subjects, into the college in which he is enrolled.

Under the the terms of the Act, the confederating bodies may be grouped as follows: 1. The University of Toronto, University College and the Faculty of Medicine; 2, Victoria University, with its affiliated colleges, and 3, the federated theological institutions, St. Michael's, Wycliffe and Knox Colleges. In addition to the federated institutions named above, there are the following affiliated colleges: Trinity Medical College, Toronto School of Medicine (no longer engaged in instruction), Ontario Agricultural College, Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, Ontario School of Practical Science, Toronto College of Music, Women's Medical College, Ontario College of Pharmacy, Huron College and the Ontario Veterinary College.

The differences between these classes may be roughly indicated by saying that the University gives instruction in Medicine and in certain specified subjects in Arts, and under the powers of the Senate, examines and confers degrees; the Arts colleges give instruction in certain subjects but conduct no examinations giving University standing; the theological colleges give instruction in specified subjects and conduct examinations thereon, which are accepted by the Senate for University standing for equivalent subjects taught in the Art colleges, while the students of affiliated colleges attend courses of lectures which prepare them for examinations leading to University degrees.

The Law Society of Upper Canada, while neither federated or affiliated, has under the present curriculum in Law, privileges analogous to those accorded to the theological colleges, in the acceptance of the examinations conducted at the Law School, and this same statement applies in a minor degree to the affiliated institutions in Applied Science, Dentistry, Pharmacy and Music.

In view of further proposed changes it is a matter of supreme importance that every undergraduate, every graduate and every friend of the University should understand the situation and assist in molding public opinion so that the Government may realize the full extent of its responsibility and make adequate provision for the present needs and future development of the provincial University.

IN THE OPEN.

"I have thrown the throttle open and am tearing down the track;

I have thrown it out to full-speed, and no Hand can hold me back!

'Tis my arm controls the engine, tho' Another owns the rail.

But I am in the open, and the yard-lights fail."

Green lights! Red lights! He has hung his signals out!

Caution here! Danger ho! and What's the man about?

'Tis true he owns the engine, to do as he has done, But how about the final word when he ends the run?

"From siding on to junction point, I shall have my day. I have stopped to read no orders, but I take the right-of-way.

Down the grade I thunder and around the curve I swing, For my hand controls the engine and my heart shall have its fling!"

Lights lost! Life lost! Now go flag the others back!

Switch the wreck! Ditch the wreck! Dare any block his track!

There creeps into the Terminal the man who had his day, But I wonder, O my soul, just what his God will say?

ARTHUR STRINGER.

HALLOWE'EN.

Hallowe'en at the theatre, which has come to be the function of student life in the Michaelmas term, was celebrated this year with such order and decorum that even the city papers of Thursday morning had nothing but encomiums for the students.

The Grand was the play-house chosen by the committee this year, and Princess Chic held the boards. The play, which was of the musical comedy order, was well suited for a student audience. Bevies of pretty girls in stunning costumes formed a picturesque back-ground, before which the much disguised Princess Chic carried on her love affairs with the Burgundian Charles. A few side "affairesd'amour," soldiers of fortune, and a tippling choleric old steward supplied the regulation comic opera humor, and all this connected with bright dialogue and interspersed with catchy music, afforded a very pleasant two hours and a half.

The balcony was occupied by the Trinity Meds and Pharmacy, while enthroned in the "gods" was Varsity, flanked on the right by the Dents and on the left by the "School." Varsity and the School lined up on the Campus at 6.30 and marched down to the Grand by way of College and Yonge. On reaching the "gods" it was found that a number of outlanders had occupied the front seats and the usual remedy was applied. The ubiquituous school got settled first and favored the crowd with the famous "Toike-Oike" yells now become general, and every college or class that acquitted itself creditably was cheered. When the curtain rose the lungs of the "yellers" were ready for a rest, and the players were given a most flattering hearing. The only fly in the ointment was a joke perpetrated by Varsity on Trinity in which the latter couldn't see the point. A pumpkin head, originally belonging to Trinity, was captured by Varsity and presented to one of the "soldiers of fortune" with the inscription "Poor Trinity." The S. of F. shouted out the inscription and bowed to the balcony. That was enough. Trinity was

insulted, and created pandemonium till the curtain was rung down and the pumpkin returned. The play was then allowed to proceed to its conclusion and the blushing princess and her charming soubrette to gather the shower of bouquets that deluged them from the boxes.

AFTERWARDS

The School, which has a weakness for fire-arms, borrowed one of the cannons from in front of the Officers' Mess on University Avenue. The Meds borrowed it from the School, but according to last accounts it is now tied up

in the School's back yard.

The freshies in the fullness of their hearts invited the sophs to a reception in the Y.M.C.A. The refreshments were to consist of apples and peanuts. Why they did not materialize, ask the seniors. As to the rest, the sophs declare that the freshies acquitted themselves like true freshmen.

The juniors, despite broad hints from the seniors, resolved to dine alone. The dining-hall was the scene, and President Phipps toast-master. A glorious time is reported. Happy speeches were made by Messrs. Wilson, Patterson, Hodson, Younge, Cunningham, Cochrane, Van Wyck and Bell. Messrs. McFarland and Moore rendered a selection on the mandolin, and Mr. Soule sang "Goozy The dinner broke up at -- by singing "Auld Lang Syne," with the foot on the table.

Messrs. Cochrane and Hamilton, '02, took a long walk early in the morning with a well-known city official.

THE LITERARY SOCIETY.

The Literary and Scientific Society held an exceedingly interesting meeting last Friday evening. The attendance was large, the speakers were in good form, the debate and the discussions were hotly contested, and the spirit of animation and enthusiasm rose high above all.

After the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, A. F. Aylesworth, 'or, presented the report of the "Soldiers' Return" Demonstration Committee, and urged upon all Arts students to be in line for the procession of welcome.

Communications were read from the Trinity Medical, Victoria, and the Dental Colleges expressing their approval of the initiative taken by our Society towards a central Student Organization for the City, and the Society's Vice-President, with the Presidents of the four years in Arts, were appointed to represent our interests on the Central Committee.

Messrs. Coleman and McLaren of the 4th year were appointed to represent the Society on the first debate of

the Inter-College Debating Union.

A committee consisting of Messrs. J. L. McPherson, 'o1, E. F. Burton, 'o1, and A. E. Hamilton, 'o2, were appointed to co operate with the University Alumni Association in replacing the large window in the Senate Chamber, in honor of the "Varsity boys" who fell in '66.

The Society then listened to the first debate of the season—" Resolved that the Society petition the Senate to make the Membership Fee of the Society compulsory.'

The affirmative was ably supported by Messrs A. E. Hamilton, '02, and S. B. Chadsey, '03, in speeches brilliant with force and reasoning, while arguments for the negative were advanced with fervor and fiery eloquence by Messrs. W. E. Taylor, 'or, and A. H. Vance, '04.

The debate was decided by the audience in favor of the negative. This debate was of special importance because it examined in every detail, the subject of a motion introduced by Mr. F. E. Brophy, 'or, the discussion and vote on which took place immediately afterwards.

Mr. Brophy supported his motion with a strong speech, urging as its chief benefit the prohibition of corruption in the annual "Lit. Elections.

The discussion which it provoked was very hearty and spirited. Messrs. W. W. McLaren, 'o1, and F. G. T. Lucas, '01, favored the measure, while Messrs, T. N. R. Phelan, '02, H W. Irwin, '01, Mr. Vance, '04, F. W. Broadfoot, '02, G. W. Carter, '03, and others opposed it from many different standpoints. Mr. Irwin's speech, in which he showed the motion to be "at once inadequate, inexpedient and undignified," was a masterly effort and called forth hearty applause.

Though all the speakers were unanimous in the object aimed at by the adoption of such a course, it was generally believed that the moral tone of the members of the society did not demand so rigorous a measure, and consequently the motion was defeated, but though defeated it will no doubt be productive of much good, for any man or party whose methods are not pure will hang his head in shame before the high moral tone of the society. Remember this next spring!

The question of the evening having been disposed of, the election of '04 representatives was proceeded with, and Messrs. Clarke and McGregor were elected as Councilors on the "Lit "Executive, and Mr. J. J. Creelman as the year's representative on the Business Board of "THE VARSITY."

During the evening a dialect reading by Mr. R. J. Younge, and a violin selection by Mr. Ed. Lucas, with Mr. Klotz as accompanist, gave variety to the program, and were well received.

Next Friday's meeting will be an interesting one. Watch for the program.

THE GREEK PLAY.

At the meeting of the Classical Association last Tuesday, Professor Hutton explained the arrangements made for the presentation of a play in Greek by students of the University at the Grand next month. The work is undertaken in behalf of the Women's Residence; it is expected, moreover, as our Greek plays have done in the past, to bring the public into closer sympathy with the University and especially with its Greek department. The play is adapted from Homer and is called "The Return of Odysseus." The athletic contests and other spectacular features will make it an interesting reproduction of early Greek life, and will provide "thinking parts" for a number of our graceful gymnasts. The longest spoken parts do not consist of more than one hundred and twenty lines. Miss Barrows, the stage manager, has had a number of years' experience in the amateur production of Greek plays, and expects to be able to have everything ready in five or six Thus it will be seen that the time and labor required from the actors in this case will not be nearly so great as for "Antigone," the preparations for which demanded months. For the benefit of those interested, Professor Hutton will translate and explain the Greek text from four to five on Friday afternoons in Room 2. Miss Barrows, who is now here, will probably select the players from those attending these lectures, to which all are cordially invited, whether they are classical students or not.

INTER-COLLEGE CLUB

A meeting of the Inter College Club will be held on Thursday, Nov. 8th, at 8.10 p.m. in the Y.M.C.A., to discuss the form of the club for the ensuing year and to elect officers. The representation in this club is strictly unofficial. Any who are interested in the club are requested to be present.

BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE.

In a few days the electors of our fair Dominion will decide who shall be the first citizen for the next four There are two candidates for the honor, and the name of each has become familiar to almost every Canadian home. Both seem to be born leaders of men, both have faced successfully immense hostile audiences, both have experienced victories and defeats with all their deteriorating influences, yet, withal, they are in some respects as opposite as the poles. Each has his thousands of admirers, and whatever be our political persuasion, there can be surely no unbiased person who does not harbor secret admiration for certain qualities in either one. They may not come like the "whirlwind" of the Democratic party to our south, nor act the part of "spellbinders" on the voters, but they are splendid examples of the indomitable perseverance and acute intelligence of Canadian men. Canada is deeply indebted for the service these men have rendered her, and each has taken

a distinguished part in guiding a nation in germ through the dangers and trials of youthful life.

The Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, P.C., K.C.M.G., is a native French Canadian, born in 1841, and a son of a Federal civil servant. Few details are to hand of his early life, but we do know he received a fair education at a mixed school, and later graduated with high honors in classics at L'Assomption. It is said during his undergraduate course, and even later, he was frequently found drinking in the orations of distinguished men. In 1860 he started law in Montreal, but his health failing, he assumed the editorship of a local journal. Shortly after he resumed his legal studies and followed his profession in Arthabaskaville till he became Prime Minister in

1896. He had always been a thorough, diligent student, and this, together with his favorable appearance, rapid-

ly procured him an extensive practice.

In 1871 the attractions of public life proved too strong for the future Premier, and he successfully contested a seat in the local house. In 1876 he entered the Mackenzie Administration, and there first experienced the difficulties of building up a united nation in which dual languages and religions formed a cleavage between the two great parties.

He led the procession of colonial premiers in the procession at the Queen's diamond jubilee, and received a medal from the Cobden Club in addition to many degrees and honors. The London Times said of him: "Laurier's name must live in the annals of the British Empire," while the Herald pithly remarked: "He is the Joshua who is leading Canadians along the new path that is opening before them."

Such is a brief biography of the one who for the last four years has attempted to guide the stream of Canadian thought into the smoothest and most useful channels. And he is a man worthy of all admiration. Calm, collected, with his shapely head and deep, luminous eyes, he

is the embodiment of simplicity and dignity. Whether it be at noontide in the first colonial carriage in the Queen's Diamond Jubilee procession, or addressing a few rural electors at dusk from a small railway platform, he is still the same forceful, unassuming, dignified gentleman. The dignity seems part and parcel of the man. Those of us who were fortunate enough to hear him in Toronto in '09 and '00 will never forget the greetings given to a distinguished guest. They were political meetings, but thousands went to hear the man whose personality acts like a loadstone towards those who love integrity and constancy.

He is a splendid tactician on the platform, and invariably feels the pulse of his listeners before he launches forth his telling arguments—not that he fears to do it, but that he may know which is the most effective way to give them. Sir Wilfrid is a deft hand at making improvised prescriptions for unwilling listeners. His determination and courage is well illustrated in the following incident which occurred in the local elections in Quebec in 1886. The Riel question was on every tongue and a supporter of Riel had

just finished speaking at an anti-Riel meeting when an enraged Orangeman shouted: "None of you have spoken of Riel, and none of you will dare to do so!" Yells arose and pandemonium reigned everwhere. Laurier simply replied: "I will." And, worming himself into their sympathy, he subdued the turbulent crowd.

Sir Wilfrid is not vindictive, but if the occasion arises, he can give expression to biting sarcasms. We are told he once anticipated the speech of an opponent on the same platform, and completely dumbfounded him by the following expression: "You will speak after me, but I know what you will say, and I will therefore answer it at once. For a long time past I have known the circle in which the ball chained to your feet permits you to



THE RIGHT HON. SIR WILFRID LAURIER, P.C., K.C.M.G. PREMIER OF CANADA.

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travel." Truly, worthy of old Lord Chatham, himself!

In parliament, on the platform, or in the drawing room he has that serious, reserved and kindly look which bespeaks a well-poised mind. Yet he can thoroughly appreciate a joke and be even witty as the following incident will show. In the session of 1877, a corpulent member of the opposition, growing eloquent, accused the ministers of fattening on the sweat of the people. Laurier, pointing with his finger to the speaker, exclaimed: "If anyone here is fattening on the sweat of the people, which is it, he or I?" The House roared at this unexpected and pointed sally.

Such is a brief sketch of a man to whom scandal has never imputed a vice, or who has never been associated with corruption. He has always had high ideals before him and has steadily aimed at raising the moral tone of Canadian politics beyond the level of "machines," "pluggers" and "corruptionists." With his chaste language, his simplicity of style, his favorable appearance and irreproachable character, he is one well suited to represent Canada among the nations, and hold her present prominent position in the eyes of the world.

The Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., G.C.M.G., C.B., M.P., is the son of a Baptist minister and a U. E. L. He was born in Amherst, N.S., in 1821, received the best education obtainable at the time, and graduated an M.D. from the University of Edinburgh in his twenty-second year. He followed his profession diligently and energetically, but, like Laurier, submitted to the charms of public life, which he entered in 1827. Burke, in his "Reflections on the French Revolution," ridicules the idea of confiding political affairs to professional men. Sir Charles is a splendid contradiction to this conception. From 1855 till 1867 in Nova Scotia, and from 1867 till 1900 in the Dominion, he has been the most prominent figure in politics. His entry into public life was as startling as it was successful. The occasion was in 1855 at the provincial elections in his native province. Joseph Howe was then the greatest man in Nova Scotia, the leader of the Liberal party,

and at the zenith of his fame. He could sway audiences at will almost, and it had been considered hopeless to oppose him upon the hustings. At this election Dr. Tupper was asked to contest the seat against Howe in the county of Cumberland. Howe treated the matter as a huge joke and looked sympathetically on his opponent. But he soon had reason to become alarmed. Dr. Tupper entered the struggle with the greatest intensity and vigor. He concentrated all his force of character, his strength and rapidity of intellect and his oratorical powers in the issue with such effect that Nova Scotia was astounded to hear that the obscure M.D. had defeated the quondam invulnerable Liberal leader.

From 1855 till 1900 he has experienced all the vicissitudes of local and Federal politics. He has plunged into political struggles, facing their acrimonious battles, their discouraging disasters and their

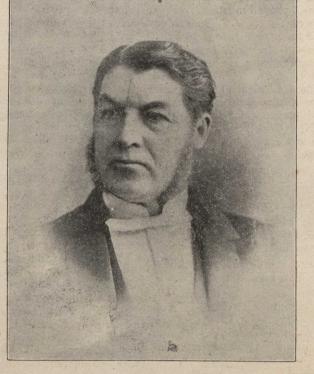
sudden reactions with a vigor that is simply appalling. The most obstinate difficulties only spur him on to further efforts His tenacity of purpose and acute insight is well illustrated in a further tilt he had with Howe over the scheme of Confederation which he had successfully put through in the local house in the teeth of the most violent opposition. Howe appealed to have the union of Nova Scotia with the other provinces revoked. The case was transferred from Halifax to Ottawa, and from Ottawa to London, where Howe and Tupper met. The latter was backed by the leaders of the Colonial Office, and the former by John Bright. Dr. Tupper won the day and Howe had either to face a revolution or back down. He wisely preferred to take the latter course, although he had stated privately to Sir Charles that armed men were ready to stand by him.

To follow his life is to follow the life of one who has taken part in almost every sphere of the civil service. The

number of offices he has held is bewildering, the degrees and honors showered upon his veteran head are legion, but the spirit with which he enters his appointed work is the most wonderful of all. To relate here the positions he has filled and the honors received would be to cover pages. His name is inseparably connected with Confederation; he has represented his native county for fourteen continuous sessions; he was the right arm of Sir John A. Macdonald; for some years he occupied the position of High Commissioner in England; he has been, in the Dominion House, Secretary of State, President of the Privy Council, Minister of Inland Revenue, Minister of Customs and Premier. He is a K.C.M.G., a G.C.M.G., a Baronet of the W.K., a D.C.L., an LL.D., a Forester, a member of the Council of the British Empire League. He has been president and chairman of companies and associations, an excise and royal commissioner, a plenipotentiary, a colonial representa-

tive at Paris. But why need we go further? Well may his political opponents be timorous at meeting one to whom experience has given such a thorough training. A vast amount of well assimilated knowledge, a fearless disposition, and a promptness of action make him a formidable antagonist on rostrum, on the platform or in Parliament.

When he gets warmed up on a subject, the flow of eloquence is wonderful. His only difficulty is in giving expression to the multitude of thoughts which crowd forward demanding utterance. Volubility and assurance seem to express best the characteristics of his delivery. He cannot be repulsed and would never hear of the word "fail." If the first assault is unsuccessful he redoubles his attacks until he overcomes the obstacles. It is his strength of will that underlies all his dogged determination, and this, together with his adroitness, while on the defence, makes him an ideal leader for waverers.



SIR CHARLES TUPPER, BART., G.C.M.G., C.B., LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

His tenacity is ably supplemented by his courage and vigor as we have mentioned. He is a lion in the fight and is first in the breach. Like the famous Italian poet, he rests when he labors and labors when he rests. Action, action, action seems to be the keynote of his life. And it is action with a purpose, as Canada has found to her benefit. His name is inseparably connected with the passing in Nova Scotia of the famous School Law, which has built up the wonderful educational system of that province. It was he who put forward in the face of the most strenuous opposition the bill, the effect of which was to unite the people and interests of this Dominion by a transcontinental highway. We can now point with pride to the wonderful progress made by the Canadian Pacific Railway and the assistance it has been to Canada in her commercial, industrial and national development.

His native province, the Dominion of Canada and the

British Empire is indebted to Sir Charles Tupper for the invaluable services rendered by him to his country and Queen. His wonderful constitution, his vigor, his perseverance, his fearlessness, his rapidity and strength of intellect all combine to make him appropriately called the "war-horse of Cumberland."

R. A. Cassidy, 'oi.

[The writer of the above article wishes to acknowledge the valuable assistance of J. Castell Hopkins in obtaining material.]

[For the cuts used in this article we are indebted to the Canadian Magazine.—ED.]

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE,

Another Hallowe'en has come and gone. There was plenty of fun to be had on Wednesday night without that going to extremes which has marked some of the years gone by. The reception tendered to the sophomores by the freshmen, notwithstanding unforeseen and enforced reduction to "emergency rations," proved most interesting. The juniors' dinner, too, was a great success. The seniors enjoyed both functions, but had to leave earlier than usual on account of a pressing invitation to the Med's preliminary dinner. Then, in order to end up the festivities in a seemly manner, a number came over to the College to spend a social hour in good, old-fashioned, residential style. The gathering at times tended to become rather demonstrative, but as the fellows were careful not to wake the Dean (he being at the time on a trip to New York), the proceedings went on uninterrupted. The advent of morning alone brought the gathering to a close.

Work is piling up with appalling persistency, but studies have been relegated to a back seat until next Wednesday, when our country's fate is to be settled for the four years to come. Mr. H. Deroche, M.P., has been appealing for helpers to further his political projects, and offers "liberal" remuneration. "Corkey" says that is just a polite way of writing "boodle"!

Mr. B. A. Kinder has at last returned. Although looking well, he still feels the effects of his late illness.

Mr. W. E. Gilbert has also been under the weather. Dr. Price Brown has been straightening Mr. Gilbert's nose, which was broken some years ago. The operation was most successful and the patient is already quite convalescent. He hopes to be around again within a few days.

Y.M.C.A. NOTES.

The Y.M.C.A. building is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and the students have free use of the parlors, reading rooms and halls for committee meetings, conversation, practising music, etc.

The games, piano and periodicals are at their disposal.

The best appreciation the students can show is their frequent use of them.

Thursday evening meeting at 5 o'clock. The first and second years are exemplary to the others in their attendance at the last two meetings.

If you would care to do city mission visiting hand your name to the convenor of the City Mission Committee. You'll get an immense field for critical economic study.

The third Sunday of November is University sermon day. Chancellor Wallace is the preacher. Paste this in your hat.

The Cabinet meets next Saturday at 2 p.m.

COLLEGE GIRL.

Superintending Editor, Miss F. M. Wicher, 'o1.

The first regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society for this term was held Saturday evening, October 27th. The attendance was good, and it is hoped that many of the girls will continue to spend two hours every two weeks in helping to make this a very successful year for our literary.

The first discussion in the business meeting was regarding the magazines to be ordered for the reading room. It was decided to take *The Illustrated*, *The Ladies*'

Home Journal and The Review of Reviews.

Elections for the Editorial and Business Boards of Sesame followed. For the Editorial Board Miss J. Dickson, 03, and Miss Tate, 04, were elected, and for the Business Board Miss Summers, 03, and Miss Rowan, 04. Misses Martin, Neff and Thompson were elected as representatives on the Literary Executive.

Then arose the question of the destiny of the Glee Club. It was decided finally to incorporate the Glee Club with the Women's Literary, a conductor to be chosen from

among the girls.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the Hallowe'en Taffy Pull, after which Miss A. C. McDonald spoke for Sesame.

May each girl feel a personal interest and responsibility

in the coming edition of this paper.

Miss Conlin then spoke about the Grace Hall Memorial Library, explaining how the books may be taken out.

Miss Hamilton followed with a few words about the Greek play to be presented at the Grand Opera House, under Miss Barrow's directon, some time in December.

A violin solo by Miss Taylor and a song by Miss Gall were heartily appreciated. The last part of the program, but by no means the least, was the play entitled "Sunset." One has only to say that the author of the comedy was Jerome K. Jerome, to make it known that some of the situations were particularly comical.

I might add that the Hallowe'en Taffy Pull was enjoyed by a goodly number of the girls. Toothache and headache resulted in several cases. Nevertheless, all voted

the evening's entertainment a great success.

The Y.W.C.A. met October 31st, and was ably conducted by Miss F. E. Brown, '03. Next Wednesday the

meeting will be of a missionary character.

Though it should be well understood that perfect silence is requested in the Reading Room many seem to forget it. As this thoughtlessness has caused no little inconvenience, it is hoped that no further appeal may be necessary.

THE CALENDAR.

Wednesday, November 7th—Association, S.P.S. II.

v. Normal, Campus, 4 p.m.

Thursday, November 8th—Political Science Club, Dr. Wickett on "City Government in Toronto," Room 9, 4 p.m.

Friday, November 9th—Translation of text of the

Greek play, Professor Hutton, Room 2, 4 p.m.

Saturday, November 10th—Rugby, Varsity I. v. Queen's I., Kingston; Rugby, Varsity II. v. Queen's II., Kingston; Association, Varsity I. v. Queens I., Kingston; Association, S.P.S. v. Trinity Medicals, Campus, 2 p.m.; Professor A. Shortt on "The Social Significance of the Family," Students' Union, 3 p.m.

Monday, November 12th—Association, S.P.S. II., v. Normal, Campus, 4 p.m.; first meeting Oriental Society,

Oriental Seminary, 4 p.m.

"WELCOME HOME! OUR BRAVE BOYS"

These were the words that rang yesterday from a hundred thousand throats—words that expressed but feebly the emotions of as many hearts. From the noon hour all day long they were pealed forth, and far into the night—with the music of bands, with blazing bonfires and torches, with the waving of flags and bunting, with one glad outbreak of heartfelt joy—it was the welcome Toronto

gave to her heroes returning from South Africa. One was reminded of that great day in October, '99, when they said "good-bye" to home and loved ones, and took their departure amid demonstrations of joy and sorrow; or one called to mind the unbounded joy of "Pretoria Day." But though, in these two events, Toronto enthusiasm was thought to have reached its height, they were far surpassed by the great event of yesterday.

There was no work. Neither was there any rest. There was nothing but "Welcome." Never in its history has the city donned so gay an attire. For three days previous preparations were being made on the most elaborate scale, and every street in the city threw out its welcome in "red, white and blue."

On many of the larger buildings, such as the City hall and the Parliament buildings, the decorations were gorgeous and extravagant, blazing forth by night and day, while the white arch erected on University ave. by the Ladies' Red Cross Society was indeed very beautiful.

The students of Toronto showed, as they generally do in public demonstrations, that they are no small factor in the city's life, and "Varsity" at the head of the line, led them on.

As the contingent was to arrive at the North Toronto C.P.R. station at 1.30, everything was in readiness for their reception by that hour. The organization was complete. The great mass of school children, students, citizens and soldiers partaking in the procession was divided into squads, and each allotted their special places.

The city regiments led the procession—The Body Guards, the Queen's Own, the Grenadiers and the High-

landers. Following these came the Veterans who so bravely fought in '66, '70 and '85, and it was plainly evident from many of their faces that this event brought back old recollections of those days when they, in the pride of youth and vigor, marched home victorious.

In contrast to these gray heads followed closely "Young Canada," the public school boys, many thousand strong, their bright faces showing that Toronto school boys are not lacking in enthusiastic love for the "Land of the Maple." Following these came our

own University boys, marshalled by Profs. Baker, Vander Smissen and Lang. Arts, S.P.S., Dentals and Meds. contributed to the general wild de-light, while close be-hind them came Pharmacy, Trinity, Central Business College and many other students. Between salutes and college yells could be heard many a cheer for returning classmates. Next in order came Toronto societies, making a brilliant display of banners and regalia. Then, the heroes of the day, greeted on every side by wild excitement and bursts of cheers. The march was down Yonge, and before reaching the armories the procession touched on Queen, King, Sherbourne, Bay and Spadina, arriving at its destination about 4 o'clock.

It would be presumptious to attempt a description of the many scenes along the route and the intense enthusiasm which broke forth in showers upon the boys in khaki; suffice to say that the welcome was complete when mothers and sisters and sweethearts clasped dear ones in their arms again.

But there was one sombre note in the day's rejoicing —Toronto did not forget that her boys had not all returned, but that some are slumbering on the veldts of the Transvaal; and quick tears came as many read among splendid decorations these words of Muir:

"Stand by the Modder's blood-stained banks."

"Stand by the Modder's blood-stained banks,
With reverential mien,
There fell the bravest of the brave
'Mong' Soldiers of the Queen,"
Oh, to their memory drop a tear
With bowed head and bare;
Among Britannia's heroes—dead,
Young Canada was there."



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TORONTO, November 6th, 1900.

NATIONAL PATRIOTISM.

The departure of the Canadian troops for South Africa was a memorable event in the history of our country. At that moment Canada, no longer only a colony, became newly conscious of her dignity and importance as a nation and her position as such in the Empire for whose cause she was sending the noblest of her sons to fight, and, if need be, die on the field of battle. A common emotion, patriotic pride and devotion to a just cause, stirred the hearts of the people as never before, and united them not only among themselves, but with all other peoples living under the British flag. The national enthusiasm suffered no abatement throughout the course of the war, and now that the struggle is ended and the British cause has triumphed it is stronger than ever.

The nation is justly proud of the part which her soldiers bore in the conflict, and to-day as they are returning to their homes, scarred by many battles, welcomes them in a way which they as heroes only deserve. Canada is stronger and the Empire is stronger as a result of their efforts; but this is not the only ground for the popular enthusiasm. We remember that Britain has been fighting in South Africa not for power or empire but to advance the cause of liberty, justice and humanity, and by her triumph on this occasion has taken one more step in the fulfillment of her mission as leader of the nations in the world's march upward to a higher civilization.

It is the consciousness of work well done in the attainment of these ideals that gives rise to the broader patriotism, and it is such patriotism that holds the Empire together and should ever move the minds and hearts of Canadians as nation-builders and true citizens of a great country.

FACULTY AND STUDENTS.

It has become a truism that the first aim of a University education is the development of a strong, healthy, well-rounded mind and character rather than the mere absorption of so much knowledge, machine-like, by the

student. To this end attendance at lectures and the reading of books are not sufficient; they must be supplemented by the influences springing from personal contact of students not only with students, but with their professors. As testimony to the importance of the personal influence of professors over students, the following passage from one of John Henry Newman's "Historical Sketches" may be quoted:—

"I say that the personality of the teacher is able in some sort to dispense with an academical system, but that the system cannot in any way dispense with personal influence. With influence there is life, without it there is none. An academical system without the personal influence of teachers upon pupils is an Arctic winter; it will create an ice-bound, petrified, cast-iron university, and nothing else."

During the summer months an article appeared in the Evening News from the pen of Mr. W. T. Allison, a Varsity graduate, which excited considerable comment in University circles. While we do not agree with this article in toto, still we think it contains some truth, and may with advantage be referred to here. The article in question severely criticized the attitude of University of Toronto professors towards their students. It pointed out that if the University is to play an important part in the Parliament and national life of the people one vital need must be filled, viz., "a warmer humanity in its professors and students," and that that is impossible "so long as the professors continue to show their present frigidity and aloofness, a spirit of seclusion and reserve, which has chilled the enthusiasm of many of their students and has set before them a false standard of conduct for life by making them think that the wisest and most cultured men are the most exclusive and unsympathetic of mortals." Mr. Allison, in his article, maintained that so long as this state of affairs continued, the University "will, mayhap, go on producing prodigies of learning, but will not send out manly men and useful citizens into the world."

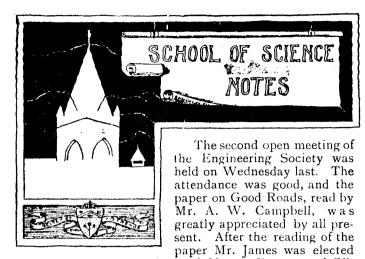
In proof of his contention he cited by way of comparison, conditions existing in American colleges, for example, Yale. Here "the teaching staff and the students work harmoniously together to promote the best interests of the college, in the class-room and on the campus. There is a vitality about this common love for the college which makes every tradition sacred, and in great college events fills the heart of every man connected with the University with an elation and with a brotherly loyalty which cannot be described. To see the professor standing side by side with the student at some exciting football match, or boatrace, to see the enthusiasm and hear the cheering of both is to receive new ideas as to the real meaning of college patriotism and friendliness." The article concluded by saying that "unless both professors and students learn to meet one another in their work together as sociable, friendly, sympathetic, human beings, instead of intellectual icebergs, Toronto University can never hope to do the great work for Canada which Yale University is doing for the United States."

In writing this article Mr. Allison is undoubtedly earn-

est and sincere, and as a graduate speaks with some degree of authority. We are inclined to think, however, that his very earnestness leads him to be a little too extreme in his blame of the professors and to exaggerate the need which he points out in our University. In the first place the smallness of the staff in so large an institution renders the burden of work on each member greater than in smaller colleges and necessarily prevents the professor from spending as much time with the students as he might otherwise spend. Then, again, as a matter of fact a large number of our professors do exercise a strong personal influence over their students and are always willing to offer help and advice when called upon; so that in their case, the fault, if any, rests with the students themselves. Morever there seems to be a growing tendency at the present time for the professors to meet their students on a more common level and to assume a more sympathetic and democratic attitude towards them.

These considerations, we think, should be taken into account in any fair criticism of our professors. all is said it is our own opinion and so far as we can sound it, it is the general opinion of the undergraduates, that there is considerable truth in the style of criticism of which Mr. Allison's article is a type. Some of our professors are not so sympathetic and democratic in their attitude towards the students as others, and we believe that if all realized their responsibility in this regard, and made an effort to meet the students on a common level as sympathetic human beings they would lose nothing in dignity while they would gain the admiration and respect of the students in a still greater degree than they command it at present; and not only that, their personal influence, the general enthusiasm for learning, and the life, the patriotism of our University would be vastly increased.

Besides the individual realization of responsibility on the part of professors there should be a change of system. On account of lack of space, however, we shall confine ourselves here to merely throwing out three suggestions which may afford matter for thought. First, might not students be officially assigned to some particular professor or lecturer to whom they might go for help and advice, in imitation, to some extent, of the system in vogue at Oxford and Cambridge? Secondly, might there not be a further development of the "Quiz" system of instruction which has been introduced by some of our professors with great profit to their students? Finally, might not the President be enabled to come into closer touch with the students by being relieved of part of the burden of work he now carries, not only as an instructor, but as an administrator who personally looks after every detail of administration in what is now a large institution? In spite of the fact that the President performs the work of several men, he evidently does endeavor to keep in touch with the students; and, with one or two exceptions, no professor is seen more frequently at the Rugby games and similar events than he is. Still, it is to be regretted that it should be necessary that the majority of students should graduate without ever becoming personally acquainted with the President of their Alma Mater.



as first year representative, and Messrs. Barrett and Gillespie as third and first year representatives on the Varsity Editorial Board.

The fourth year has challenged the third year to a game of Rugby to be played this week. Both teams are practising hard, and a game rivalling the Queens-Varsity is sure to result.

Everybody is glad to see Lexie Isbester and D. H. Forbes around again after their fight with typhoid fever. Lexie intends coming back this year, but at present cannot tell just when he is going to buckle down to work.

The drafting-room of the 2nd year mechanical and electrical engineers was the scene of a gay assemblage last Wednesday, when Mr. Horton, of the 1st year, became the recipient of a handsome purse as a slight token of the esteem in which he is already held by his fellow-students. We are sure that Mr. Horton felt deeply indebted to his comrades, not only for the good will they displayed, but also for the many valuable gifts the purse contained, and which were as follows: In Queen's currency, seventynine cents; car tickets, thirteen cents; postage stamps, six and one-half cents; pen nibs, one cent; collar button, one-half cent; two thumb tacks, one cent, making up the total one dollar. Mr. Culbert, in a few well-chosen remarks, made the address, while Mr. Alison presented the Mr. Horton, although nearly overwhelmed by his emotions, made a very suitable reply.

HALLOWE'EN.

The School, not following its usual custom of being first on the scene, did not arrive at the theatre until the representatives from the other halls of learning were safely ensconced in their allotted positions. On arrival the ardor of the boys was slightly cooled owing to the presence of outsiders in their seats. However, the chilliness soon vanished, and when the dust cleared away old S.P.S. was in a position to enjoy the show. This the boys did to their full extent, despite the attempts of the occupants of the lower gallery to interrupt, the performance during the last act. After the show it was remarked that the School students must have gone to their respective cots, for they were not to be seen. But this theory received its quietus when one of the guns from the Military Institute was seen on the terrace bidding defiance to the world in general, but especially to the Meds. Of course, School "didthings, but that can only be found out by "asking the policeman."

On the following morning a certain freshman's bumps were seen to be enlarged, and a third year man was wearing his father's hat. They claim the regulations regarding "cops" and their batons are too loosely enforced. They may perchance be prejudiced.

On Thursday afternoon the Senior Association football team of the School played Toronto Meds. The team entered the field in a handicapped condition, Messrs. Broughton, Mackay and Barrett being unable to play, the loss being especially felt in the half-back line. The field, too, was in very unsatisfactory condition, recent rains having altogether destroyed the cohesive qualities of the surface of the campus. The team lined up in the following order:

Goal-Small.

Backs-Depew, Miller.

Halves-Whelihan, Gordon, Patten.

Forwards—Jackson, Gibson, Brereton, Mills, Young. The first goal was scored by the Meds, aided by the wind and a few muffs. No other scoring was done during the first half. Though the School forwards had the ball well down in Med. territory for the greater part of the time, the wind, which was very strong, assisted the Meds. to save their goal. The Meds scored a second goal early in the second half, though the bystanders declared that the player who shot was at the time distinctly offside. The School now got down to work and after a hard struggle Gibson made a successful attack on the Meds' sticks. Darkness soon falling prevented further points being made. It would be advisable at this season to start all games sufficiently early in the day to ensure their completion before light fades.

The School's next match will be played against the Trinity Meds on Nov. 12.

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir,—I see in your first issue of "The Varsity" an invitation for students to discuss questions of vital importance to them, and so I write this article not in the spirit of presumptive criticism nor for the sake of vulgar ostentation, but with the sole purpose of gaining information. According to the calendar page 194 the degree of Doctor of Philosophy has been established for the purpose of encouraging research in the University of Toronto. A student is required to pursue the study of one major and two minor subjects. At present the student can select his major subject only from Biology, Physics, Geology, Philosophy, Oriental Philosophy, Oriental Languages, Literature and Political Science, or in other words those taking Classics, Modern Languages, English and History. History and Mathematics are debarred at present from taking Ph.D. work in this University. We are told, however (page 196), "that upon application of the head or heads of such department to the university or college to which he or they belong, and upon satisfying such governing body of the ability of their department to carry out the purposes of this statute," the provisions of this statute may be extended to any other department. Do not the students in the departments for which no Ph.D. is open require encouragement for research? Have we not facilities in our library for the prosecution of such research? Or are the "head or heads of such departments" already overloaded with work, and so do not care to make application for the extension of the Ph.D. course to their departments? If the last is the case, an appeal should be made for more men. We cannot doubt for a moment but that they possess the ability, and those of us who are in the unfortunate (?) courses are confident of that ability; the Ph. B. work here is in its infancy and it should be carefully nurtured that other universities may not obtain the result of our undergraduate work. Only in last week's VARSITY we read of a man of 'oo taking post-graduate work

in Harvard in Modern Languages. To many of us a course in Toronto would involve less expense than at any other place. I hope this article may lead some undergraduate with a full knowledge of the subject to give us a little light on it.

Edmund H. Oliver, '02.

MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The first meeting of the Modern Language Club was held on Monday, October 26th, and was a most successful one in every respect, The meeting was opened by a few remarks on the part of the Honorary President, Mr. Cameron, and tollowing were two very interesting essays. The first by Miss J. Forrest, 'oɪ, on Lamartine's "Jocelyn." The second by Miss Seldon, 'o2, on "Carlyle." At the close of the literary programme a business meeting was held, in which Mr. Armstrong, 'o3, was elected Treasurer and Miss Tuckett and Mr. Lafferty First-Year Representatives.

'01 EXECUTIVE.

At a meeting of the class of 'or on Friday last the resignation of the executive was accepted, and the following executive elected:—

President, E. P. Brown; 1st vice-president, Miss C. I. Barr; 2nd vice-president, F. J. Buller; secretary, F. M. Chapman; treasurer, G. A. Hackney; athletic director, W. J. Hanley; musical director, G. Eadie; orator, R. Dan Keefe; prophetess, Miss Gundry; poetess, Miss Francis; judge, F. Ryan; critic, F. D. Hogg; historians, Miss Young, F. Armstrong; councilors, Miss Baird, Miss White, W. E. Taylor, A. Baker.

SPORTS.

Editor, Frank McFarland, '02.

FOOTBALL.

Saturday was an off-day for Varsity in the football line, so most of the Rugby enthusiasts went out to Rosedale to see the O.R.F.U. match between Ottawa and the Argonauts. The latter team won by the narrow margin of I point, but they had not the slightest excuse for doing so except their unbounded luck. Ottawa outplayed them throughout the whole game, with the exception of a few minutes in the first half and the brief space at the end of the game when Parmenter scored the try which gave the game to the Argonauts. The winning of Saturday's game by the Argonauts ties them with Ottawa for the championship. On last Saturday's form the deciding game is a gift for Ottawa.

To one who had been at the game the previous Saturday between Queens and Varsity, the difference between the methods of play in the two unions was clearly apparent. There was more rough play and dirty work in fifteen minutes of the Ottawa-Argonauts game than in the whole play between Varsity and Queens. And yet the O.R.F. U. game is considered to have been a particularly mild and gentlemanly one, while the other was one of the hardest and closest games that has ever been played in the I.C.R.U. It is true that there were more men laid out in the Queens-Varsity game, but they were injured accidentally in every case, and that is something which cannot be said of the players who were injured in last Saturday's game, and yet the Sunday World says with the innocence of a new-born babe: "The match was a hard fought one, and with the exception of

one or two occasions when the Ottawa players broke the rules the game was without roughness, and no team ever deserved victory more than the Argonauts, for no team ever played fairer ball than they did, taking everything in good part, but playing for every point that was scored." Did the writer of the above have his eyes shut when Joe Wright kicked deliberately at Kennedy through the scrimmage before the latter player had ever locked in, and laid him out for the limits. Was the World reporter in the canteen when Langton charged an Ottawa man half his size after the whistle had been blown and play had stopped, and was laid out for his pains to the satisfaction of every fair-minded person who saw the act. This is the kind of guff that the morning papers are continually giving us about the O.R.F.U. teams, and yet if a tenth part of the deliberate rough play which characterizes almost every O. R.F.U. game were permitted in an Intercollegiate match those same morning papers would devote a column and a half to a discussion on the decadence of gentlemanly instincts in college football. There was a time when the college teams played in the O.R.F.U. and their leavening influence helped to keep the play above the level of brutality. We are aware of the result of their withdrawal from that association. "O tempora, O mores!"

McGill defeated Queens in Montreal on Saturday by a score of II-I. This puts an entirely new face on the race for the Inter-collegiate championship. The standing now is:—

		won.	LOST.	DRAW.	POINTS
McGill			0	0	4
Queens	•••••	I	I	I	3
Varsity		0	I	I	. Ī

It will be seen that if Varsity beats both McGill and Queens the championship is ours. Of course everybody knows how difficult it is to defeat Queens on their own grounds, and especially this year when they are particularly strong, but if it is possible it is going to be accomplished next Saturday. Great efforts will be put forth to strengthen the Varsity team for next Saturday. In all probability Biggs will be back in his old place at quarter, while Gibson and Armstrong will return to the wing line. It is certain that if a winning team can possibly be placed on the field it will be done, and here's success in the effort.

COLLEGIANS ARE CITY CHAMPIONS

"The softest snap I ever struck" said "Stony" Jackson, at the conclusion of the game on Saturday, for the city Championship in Association Football, between the Scots and the picked team from the colleges. If the city men cherished fond hopes of victory, they were sadly disappointed when they tackled the college stalwarts, for they were certainly "up agin the real thing" from start to finish. The Scots were dangerous at no stage of the game, the college halves breaking up their rushes repeatedly, and feeding their own forwards beautifully. back division of the Scots played good ball, and were kept on the move through most of the game; their forwards, however, could not keep possession of the ball, and failed to follow up fast enough. For the college, Clarkson and McLaurin at back did their work well, while the halves were always in the game. "Doc" Jackson at outside right centered nicely and picked two corners that were converted. As the forward line had never practiced together, their play was rather ragged at first, but in the second half they showed some effective combination. Captain Jackson won the toss and generously allowed the Scots to have the full benefit of the sun in their faces. The ball had not been long in motion when centre forward Gibson saw an opening in the defence and put a nice one through. Although the play continued for most of the half in the Scots' territory, they prevented their opponents

from scoring until shortly before half time, when "Stony" Jacks in and Gibson put a pretty one through on a corner kick from "Doc." On the resumption of play in the second half, at the urgent exhortation of their supporters, the city men "smoked up," but they never succeeded in getting close enough in to shoot. White and Dixon were now playing swift ball and made some pretty rushes, the former sending a red hot one between the posts on another corner from "Doc." Jackson. Shortly before time was called a fine combination run was started, in which all the forwards took a hand, Broder finally passing to Dixon, who scored easily. An "off-side" claim was allowed, however, and the score ended three to nothing in favor of the collegians. "Dan" Sinclair made an impartial referee, giving general satisfaction. The teams lined up as follows:

Scots—Goal, McKendrick; full backs, Mott and E. Humphreys; half backs, Evans, Bradley, Browning; forwards, G. Humphreys, Dale, Small, F. Dale and Stinson.

Inter-College—Goal, Kerr (Tor. Med.); full back, Clarkson (Dent.), McLaurin (McMaster); halves, McKinnon (Varsity), Pengally (McMaster), "Stony" Jackson (Osgoode; forwards, "Doc." Jackson (S.P.S.), Broder (Varsity); Gibson (S.P.S.), White (Tor. Med.), Dixon (Osgoode). Referee, "Dan" Sinclair.

J. A. S., '02.

The Inter-faculty competition in Association Football has been going forward merrily, and a good fast game may be witnessed almost any afternoon on the campus. The present standing is as follows:—

SI	ERIES	Α.						
	won.	LOST.	DRAWN.	POINTS.				
Toronto Meds	1	0	ı	3				
S. P. S	I	I	0	2				
Trinity Meds	0	0	2	2				
Victoria	0	I	I	1				
SERIES B.								
	won.	LOST.	DRAWN.	POINTS.				
McMaster	I	0	2	4				
Dentals	I	0	I	3				
Varsity	0	0	I	1				
Knox	О	I	0	0				
Osgoode	0	I	0	О				

PUNTS.

Telford and Sanderson, two ex-Varsity players, were in the game against the Argonauts on Saturday.

Varsity officials ran the Ottawa-Argonauts' game. E. P. Brown was referee, "Thrift" Burnside umpired, Fred. Rutter was touch-line judge, and V. E. Henderson kept time.

Upper Canada College beat Ridley on Saturday morning 14-0. S. A. Mullin, '03, refereed the game, and R. H. Mullin, '02, was umpire.

CHESS.

A meeting of the club was held on Friday, 2nd inst., the president, Mr. N. S. Shenstone, '01, in the chair. Mr. R. L. Harrison, '04, was unanimously chosen curator for this year. The club is progressing favorably and many beginners are turning out to practise. Meetings are held every Tuesday and Friday in the Gymnasium from 4 to 6. In addition to the open and nandicap tournaments a beginners' tournament has been arranged for, and as these tournaments will start about December 1st it is desirable that those who wish to play chess shall join the club immediately.

F. P. C., '02.

GYMNASIUM.

The Gymnasium seems to be booming this year, for at present every available locker is taken up, and nearly every day some applicant has to be turned away till new ones are prepared. The class in rifle drill is well under way with a goodly number of stalwart recruits. If possible it will give an exhibition, at the Assault-at-Arms, in the spring, of the rifle drill and bayonet exercise—old and new style.

In about three weeks it is intended to begin the more advanced work in gymnastics in preparation for the assault, and with a new horizontal bar and a new trapeze there should be none of those unfortunate delays which occurred last year, owing to defective apparatus. To judge by the work already done in the gym., there should be some very good material in the incoming year.

be some very good material in the incoming year.

After the single-stick contest for the Sifton Trophy, which takes place very soon, the fencing club will begin its regular course of instruction, for which a number of new men have already entered.

F. H. W., 'or

INTER-COLLEGIATE NOTES.

The opening number of the McGill Outlook contains a most interesting account of the plans of the football manager, who has effected some wide improvements needed in McGill football, as the Outlook says on account of I—Lack of proper practice. 2.—Lack of enthusiasm. 3.—Lack of set hours for practice.

The Yale-Harvard Debate is set for December 2. Subject, "Resolved, that the permanent retention of the Philippine Islands by the United States is desirable."

Harvard played its first important football match on Saturday. Oct. 27, with the Carlisle Indian College. Although the Indians do not generally come out ahead their team ranks among the first-class, and often piles up a big score.

ROTUNDA.

Superintending Editor, F. H. Wood, 'oi.

Owing to the fact that Monday was a public holiday VARSITY has been somewhat delayed this week in issue.

Gordon Fleck and "Ned" Boyd have both completely recovered from the effects of their game of football against Queens, and the former is at present at his home in Ottawa. It is extremely unfortunate that Varsity thus loses two of her most promising players.

It is unfortunate that V. W. Odlum, '03, Victoria, who came safely through the campaign in South Africa, received a severe injury to his shoulder while playing Association football last week. E. C. Irvine of the same year had the misfortune to have his leg broken a day or two before. Both are progressing very favorably.

We are glad to see J. A. Isbester, formerly of 'or, around Varsity once more. "Lexie" has just recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever by which he was kept at his home in Ottawa.

The Sophomores are wondering why S. B. Chadsey of their year did not turn out with them on Wednesday evening. The Seniors, who occupied the front seats, and who consequently had a good view of the pit, could contribute some valuable information.

Wouldn't that galvanize you?

According to the speakers at '03 dinner no year was so valorous, no year so enterprising, nor so brimming over with courage as the Junior year. This, however, was of no avail against the twenty (?) policemen who pounced on them at the Biological Building. Each "cop" secured a victim before they could vanish. They say "Bobbie" used language unbecoming a Y.M.C.A. man.

On the campus one small boy was so excited by the stalwart appearance of a certain Freshman with a Ridley sweater that he exclaimed: "Oh, look! there's an Argonaut. R stands for Argonaut."

It is said that a certain veteran from South Africa was made the recipient of a very handsome coat of paint by his friends of the second year, S.P.S. Not to be outdone, his comrades of the first year presented him with another very fine oil-painting. Alas! The paths of glory lead but to the paint-pot!

The editor of a certain weekly in our city is at present spending a great deal of his spare time in encouraging the growth of a very healthy mustache. It is true you would never suspect it, but next time you meet him, just look closely and see.

One day early in the term a freshie and a sophomore were sitting side by side in the library. Suddenly the twelve o'clock whistles blew. Turning to his neighbor, the freshman politely inquired, "Is that the twelve o'clock whistle?" "Yes," was the short reply. After a moment's thought he asked, "Why, where are they threshing?"

H. R. Trumpour, 'oo, who has a position on the staff of Rothesay College, N.B., was in town last week. He and his Principal, I. E. Moore, an old graduate of Varsity, are forming an eastern branch of the Alumni Association.

Early last week the medical students found it necessary to put an Arts freshman under the tap. A dissection, or vivisection was suggested, but it was thought that milder measures would prove efficacious.

J.S. Will, '97, who last year had a temporary position on the staff of Dartmouth College, is now lecturer in French and German at Manitoba College.

Arthur Cohen, '02, sailed Saturday on the Campania. He expects to spend over two months visiting London, Berlin, Paris and perhaps Amsterdam.

An undergraduate who hails from the west informs us that the "University of Toronto" is as well known in the Western States as Yale and Harvard, and that its standard is considered even higher than that of its American contemporaries.

On Saturday last R. Telford, 'oo, of last year's Varsity I, was in town playing with the Rough Riders. In the evening his friends of the Delta Upsilon Fraternity entertained him at a dinner at the National Club.

We are informed by the freshmen that on Hallowe'en night an incident occurred which they think is of no credit to the Sophomores. It seems the freshmen invested in some apples and peanuts, wherewith to lighten the hearts of their visitors at the Y.M.C.A. building; but some of these Sophomores either through a premature attack of hunger, or fearing the supply would not hold out, must have surreptitiously abstracted the peanuts and most of the apples from under the watchful eye of J. L. McPherson, 'or. "Jack" is now looking for the trespassers.

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The practice of wearing gowns is being loyally supported by many of the Faculty, who appear about the building and in the Dining Hall with gowns much more frequently than formerly.

Although the Seniors had no executive for Hallowe'en night, still they enjoyed themselves as thoroughly as any of the other years—and at much less expense to them-

B. A. Kinder, 'o1, has again put in an appearance at Wycliffe, having just recovered from a severe illness.

Eloquent Junior (responding to "The Ladies" at the '02 dinner): "Many a man has a Queen of his heart, gentlemen, but not every man a King." (Loud applause toward the head table).

The announcement in last week's VARSITY that a ladies' lunch-room was about to be provided in the steward's house was a timely one, as the recent rains have emphasized the need of such an improvement.

- J. A. Decew, who graduated from S. P. S. in '96, is at present taking a special post-graduate course at the School. It was during his treshman year that the old shed at the corner of the University was consigned to oblivion.
- R. H. Barrett, 'or S.P.S., is at present confined to his room with an affection of the throat. His services were greatly missed in the football game with the Meds. on Thursday.

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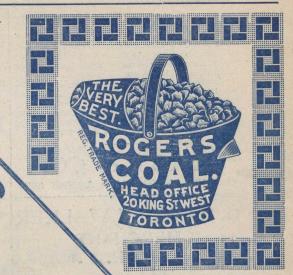
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