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SCIENCE MEN'S ANNUAL BANQUET

TOASTS BY UNDERGRADS

Students of the School Spend an Enjoyable Evening at Webb's

A Large Number of Illustrious Guests also Around the Board

The sorry students at the School of Practical Science this week are the few who did not attend the tenth annual dinner of that institution, held at Webb's on Friday evening last. The event was a thing of beauty, and its memory will remain a joy forever with the 130 genial Collegians who sat down with their friends to partake of a menu of rare gastronomic excellence, and who afterwards enjoyed the feast of reason and the flow of soul engendered by the fellow-feeling that inspired everybody present.

The guests of the students returned the hospitality of their hosts by cheerfully taking part in the post-prandial oratory of the evening, and by their words of learned wisdom they amazed the gazing Freshmen ranged around the festive board, and mightily pleased the whole assembly. The chair was filled by W. E. H. Carter, and the vice-chair by Thos. Shanks, and that was the long and short of it.

When the "spheres of influence" had been properly widened by the choicest things of Webb's cuisine, and Lady Nicotine had been duly honored, the secretary, A. N. Smith, read regrets from invited absentees. Some of these were: President Loudon (senate meeting); Jadel Robinson (not out of the woods); Queen's University Representative C. J. Merritt (missed his car); N. S. Carpenter and M. B. Weekes, recent graduates (very busy); and Thirt Burnside (injured in a good cause, but mind, heart, and soul with us). The reading of the last letter and every subsequent reference to the School's manly student and Varsity's popular captain evoked much enthusiasm, and the boys unanimously voted Thirt a place in the calendar of living saints and accorded him a halo of surpassing brilliancy. Although the notable absentees above mentioned were missed, there was no dearth of notabilities in the assembly. There were present Willie Boyd and Roy Stovel, famous in oratory, music, Rugby and every other fine art which their versatility has been pleased to trifle with, and they beamed forth in their pleasant way on their assembled juniors. It was reported during the course of the evening that Willie had lost fourteen pounds by playing Rugby—and thereby hangs a tale—but Willie's appearance gave no indication of it. George Revell's Vandikes swayed feverishly with the encircling wreathes of tobacco smoke as the great mind above them thought masterful thoughts of these midnight revels, and the revellers' deeds of derring-do for fame and the Mulock Cup. And John Elliott was there and looked out his warmest approbation as well as one optic could do it, for the other had been closed by a surgical operation, undergone out of devotion to his School, in which operation John had shown himself as much a master of surgery as the doctor. George Hall was noticed to be fraternizing with the Dental Rep. for George's teeth were few and far between, like the proverbial Brahma's, and he had been forced to content himself with the softer portions of the feast, but he, also, had the happy consciousness of knowing that the sacrifice had been made for the sake of Alma Mater.

Arthur G. Piper was there too—what, indeed, would an S. P. S. dinner be without Pip?—and everybody said very forcibly that he was all right and he went away very happy. And there were others, but we forbear, the roll of notable students at the S. P. S. would fill many books.

When the smoke of battle had cleared away, the chairman proposed "The Queen" and the toast was patriotically honored. Frank Perry proposed "Canada," and Mr. Archibald Blue, Director of the Bureau of Mines, responded and proved very clearly that Canada's prospects for future greatness were not at all Blue. F. W. Thorold proposed "The Legislative Assembly" and Hon. Geo. W. Ross responded in an eloquent speech, in which he gave a retrospective sketch of the school. He spoke flatteringly of its present status and hopefully of its future. "The Profession" was proposed by Thomas Shanks and elicited replies from Messrs. W. T. Jennings, C. E., A. Mortimer, S. N. Townsend and A. W. Campbell. Mr. Jennings received a particularly cordial reception, for, be it known, he is the donor of the Jennings' Hockey Cup, and the students love him in proportion. Mr. C. H. C. Wright (he of the tower), sketched in a few bold touches, the beauty of "The University of Toronto,"

and in response, Prof. Mavor made a speech, giving evidence of a warm interest in Practical as well as Political Science. Then Capt. W. H. Boyd gracefully relieved his territory by several strong punts into "The Faculty." Prof. Galbraith, on behalf of that "chosen few" rose to respond and the boys instinctively clutched their fountains and felt for their note-books, but the nightmare passed, and they breathed more freely when he delivered a neat speech instead of the customary hour's lecture. In closing he recited the "The last Chant," by Kipling, and showed that a delightful appreciation of the beauties of literature and of the elocution art had not been depreciated by a love for the higher mathematics. Dr. Ellis, high priest of the mystic secrets of the pestle and mortar, and arch manipulator of the artistic formulae of the hydrocarbons, also came to the rescue of the Faculty with a characteristic speech full of good things nicely said.

Roy Stovel toasted "Sister Institutions," and replies were given by Rev. J. O. Miller, principal of Ridley College; A. Moore, McGill representative; S. Dickson, University of Toronto representative, and Mr. Clarke, Dental representative.

Mr. J. A. Duff proposed "Athletics," and nicely converted several tries. He drew nectar diagrams of the various forces at work in the athletic world of the present day, and clearly demonstrated that the love of amateur sport was the only resultant that could produce equilibrium. Thomas Russell, Athletic Association representative, spoke in reply, and amused the audience by telling of an athletic contest of long ago, in which a lad named David scored a touch down on a fellow from Gath. A. H. Smith sang the praises of "The Graduates and the Graduating Class," the former of which were championed by Andy McCallum, and the latter by John Patterson. W. A. Hare gave advice to "The Freshmen" and C. H. Boehmer accepted it gracefully upon their behalf. R. Roaf blushing proposed to "The Ladies," and E. V. Neelands championed the cause of the lassies in a speech for which the fair sex now owes him a debt of gratitude.

During the evening the following assisted with vocal and instrumental music: T. Carter, W. F. Prizer, B. Campbell, H. R. Stovel, W. H. Boyd, C. H. Boehmer, and W. Beardmore. The incidental music was contributed by D'Alessandro's orchestra. The Committee, who have been skipping lectures and neglecting their draughting for the past two weeks in order to make the affair a success, were as follows: Chairman, W. E. H. Carter; Vice-chairman, Thomas Shanks; Secretary, A. Smith; Treasurer, F. W. Thorold; Year Repts., W. H. Boyd, W. F. Grant, E. G. Yeates, W. W. Van Every, F. F. Clarke, J. R. Roaf, C. H. Boehmer, J. F. Wilkins. They are immensely pleased with the great success of the event, and feel especially grateful to their fellow-students for their hearty cooperation.

GRACE HALL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Last Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, a mass meeting of the College girls was held to hear the report of the committee appointed to draft a Constitution for the Grace Hall Memorial Library. Miss N. Cleary, '99, was elected Secretary, pro tem. Miss D. Wright, '99, Convener of the Committee, read the following Constitution as recommended for adoption.

1. At a meeting of the Women's Literary Society of University College, it was resolved that a Library be formed, having Grace Hall's books as a nucleus, to be extended by donations of books from graduates as they leave College, for the use of undergraduates who may need such help.

2. The Library shall be known as "The Grace Hall Memorial Library."

3. The officers shall be elected at a mass meeting in the Spring.

4. The officers shall consist of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer.

5. The President shall be convener of the Committee and, with the vice-President, shall form an advisory board.

6. The Secretary Treasurer shall receive applications for the loan of books and donations for the extension of the library.

7. The Committee shall consider applications and have full power of decision.

8. Two members of the committee shall form a quorum.

This constitution was adopted. It was moved by Miss Andison, seconded by Miss Wegg, that the officers for the society be elected at a mass meeting of the Women Undergraduates, held after the meeting of the Lit, on Saturday, 10th Dec. Accordingly on that evening the following officers were elected for the remainder of this year and also to act during 1899. President, Miss E. M. Fleming, '00; vice-President, Miss M. Watt, '01; Sec.-Treas., Miss M. I. Fleming.

Every Undergraduate of University College should be present at the Dinner Friday evening.

ST. MICHAEL'S DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Will Produce Damon and Pythias in College Hall Thursday Evening

KIRKPATRICK AS DAMON

An Elaborate Production of Banim's Famous Play to be Given by the Society

The celebrated and justly popular drama "Damon and Pythias," will, as already announced in these columns, be presented at St. Michael's College on Thursday evening, the 15th inst. The story of the play is so well known that it would be superfluous to describe it here. It was written by John Banim, the author of the celebrated "O'Hara Tales," and was first produced in 1821, at the Covent Garden Theatre.

That it will receive justice from the students of St. Michael's, no one will doubt who has had the pleasure of attending their plays in the past. Macbeth and Richelieu are yet fresh in the minds of Toronto's theatre-goers, and the success therein achieved is the fore-runner of a still greater triumph on the 15th.

Those taking part in the play have, the writer is assured, been practising steadily for upwards of two months, and it was his good fortune to attend a full-dress rehearsal last Monday evening. The stage-fittings were all that could be desired, and the costumes such as are seldom, if ever, seen in an amateur performance.

Mr. F. H. Kirkpatrick of the Conservatory, and also Prof. of Elocution at the College, was most impressive as Damon, and fully upheld his high reputation as an actor. He will be remembered as having taken the part of Dionysius, when Damon and Pythias was presented at the "Grand" last fall by Mr. Shaw's company. He is especially strong in the second Act, in the Senate scene, where he delivers Damon's address to the Senators. This famous scene, which is said to be superbly handled by Mr. Kirkpatrick, runs as follows:

"Traitor! to whom? To thee!—Oh! Syracuse
Is this thy registered doom? To have no meaning
For the proud names of liberty and virtue,
But as some regal braggart sets it down
In his vocabulary? And the sense,
The broad, bright sense that Nature hath
Assigned them

In her inflexible volume, interdicted
Forever from thy knowledge, or if seen,
And known, and put to use, denounced as treasonable.

And treated thus? No, Dionysius, no!
I am no traitor! But in mine allegiance
To my lost country, I proclaim thee one!"

Mr. Stephen H. O'Boyle as Pythias, needs no introduction. For the past five years he has been constantly to the fore in College Dramatics. As the King in Macbeth and as Baradas in Richelieu, he has established for himself a reputation, second to none off the professional stage. Judging from his appearance in the rehearsal, his admirers have a treat in store. It seems not too much to say that a more perfect impersonation of the faithful and brave-hearted Pythias has never been seen in Toronto.

As Dionysius, Mr. Lynch is sure of a signal success. He made his first appearance last year as Huguet, in Richelieu, and it was then that his great dramatic ability was made manifest. As the Tyrant of Syracuse, he will have ample opportunity to prove that the expectations then formed of him were not unfounded. The scene in the Senate when he assumes the regal power, is really grand and most realistic. Did space permit we would expatiate at still greater length on Mr. Lynch's merits for he is certainly a coming star.

Mr. F. McCarthy, who takes the part of Damocles, also scored a success as King Louis, in Richelieu. He enters well into the spirit of his part and displays marked ability, the effect of last year's training being clearly apparent. Procles, the sturdy guard, is well impersonated by Mr. A. Savage, a new student of the College. Like Mr. McCarthy, he has fine natural talents, and his maiden effort in the Dramatic Society is sure to be successful. He is the possessor of a remarkably deep voice, and has already achieved an enviable reputation as a vocalist. The part of Philistius is taken by Mr. J. F. Mulligan, a native of Eastern Ontario, and his representation of the character is all that the most fastidious could desire. His debut in dramatics was made several years ago. In consequence he goes through his part with all the staidness of a veteran, and has been dubbed by his friends the "Irving" of St. Michael's. Mr. Lynott's Lucullus is a capital piece of acting. His make up is superb, and the part, one of the most difficult in the cast, admirably sustained throughout. During his two years' residence at the College, he

has taken prominent parts in all the plays that were given, and while acquitting himself extremely well in each, made his greatest hit when he impersonated Francois in Richelieu. St. Michael's is certainly to be congratulated in having one so well fitted by nature and education to assume such a difficult role as that of Lucullus.

Mr. Eddie Bradley has also a very difficult part in that of Calanthe. Yet if voice, figure and carriage count for anything, he will make a success. In addition, he has an innate talent for imitating the ways of the "softer sex," and if his name does not convict him of belonging to the species "viri," his acting certainly will not. Mr. Kelly, as Hermion, and Master F. Doherty, as Arria, are quite up to the general excellence of the cast.

Judging from the rehearsal, and the well tried ability of all taking part in the drama, the play should be a success. Taking into account the past record of the College, and the uniform excellence of all its histrionic endeavors, one feels safe in predicting for all who attend, a pleasant evening, a good play and first-class acting.

The students have gone to considerable expense to procure stage settings and costumes in conformity with the high nature of the production, and have a claim on the liberality of all who take an interest in the cultivation of the elocutionary and the dramatic arts.

THE FIRST YEAR RECEPTION

And the heart is haunted by dim memories,
Shadows left by past magnificence.

From every side are heard conflicting rumors concerning the death of the old-time College spirit. However, it argues well for its speedy resurrection when one considers the energy and life which each and every member of '02 has brought to bear upon the class undertaking. To the men undoubtedly belongs the victory obtained on the Rugby Field. But the girls may surely claim the assured success of their social venture last Saturday afternoon—the committee consisting of Misses Piers, Bilton, Dickson, Easson, Fraser, McMahon, Marshall, May, King and Wallace, ably assisted by Messrs. Hamilton and Hardy. It was unanimously voted the best reception ever held in the Varsity halls—the program being very entertaining, the music excellent, and the refreshments perfect in every detail. As there were comparatively few of "the fair sex" in the first year, the committee resolved to invite all the College girls—Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, and occasionals—and everyone who could possibly do so, gladly accepted. Some went "to see what the Freshies would do," and then decided to remain to see what they wouldn't do. For the efforts made to entertain the guests were certainly unique and untiring. The monotony of the usual promenade—"two and two, Newgate fashion," was relieved by the musical program, of which the credit is justly due to Mr. Edmund Hardy, Mus. Bac., who has been very appropriately chosen as the musical director of his year. It was doubtless very trying to Mr. Hamilton, the energetic president of the class, to be obliged to continually demand better attention. But what would you? It is always so. Yet it did not by any means argue lack of attention. On the contrary, each number was thoroughly enjoyed and heartily applauded. Miss Mae Dickenson—always a great favorite—was urgently recalled at the conclusion of her catchy number, "The Interfering Parrot,"—the moral of the song, which Miss Dickenson rendered as an encore, being considered all too short. Miss Fulton contributed a very pleasing violin solo, while Miss Helena Collins delighted everyone with a mirth-provoking monologue concerning "Mr. Traver's First Hunt," which showed quite clearly and forcibly what a man would give up "for the sake of the woman he loves." The two vocal solos by Messrs. Blight and Gorrie completed the musical treat, and promenading was again resumed, the refreshment room receiving more than its due share of attention. The first year have made an exceptionally good beginning, and as they practically have the near future of our Alma Mater in their hands, it is sincerely hoped that they will be equally successful during their academic years. Besides the two hundred or more undergraduates present were noticed Mrs. Loudon, Miss Salter, the Misses Fulton, Miss Preston, Miss Robertson, Miss Anna Williams, formerly of '99, and also Messrs. Cleland, Montgomery and McQuestion, of '98.

HARBORD AT-HOME

The most enjoyable function of the year at Harbord Collegiate is the annual At-Home, given by the Literary Society. It is to be held this year on next Monday evening (December 19th) at 8 o'clock. The committee are working busily to make the At-Home the most successful one they have yet had. A good program has been promised to be in every way a great success. Tickets (50c) may be obtained at Gourlay, Winter & Leeming's, or from any member of the committee.

VARSITY DINNER FRIDAY EVENING

A Large Attendance of Grads and Undergrads Assured

ELOQUENCE WILL REIGN

The Occasion to be the Most Interesting Event of the College Year.

The prospects of the University dinner afford every assurance of a more than successful event. The committee, which has worked faithfully and energetically has found the student body responsive, and the sale of tickets has in consequence been phenomenal in comparison with the state of affairs in recent years, when the enterprise fell through from lack of support. Of course everybody knows when and where this one and only function is to be held. Albert Williams will have charge of the culinary arrangements, and will doubtless sustain his reputation for giving good dinners. The gymnasium will put on its holiday garments in honor of this festive event, and will be resplendent with evidences of patriotism and love for Alma Mater. In connection with this latter sentiment it would not be amiss to call attention to the fact that the hope is strongly expressed by both Faculty and the undergraduates that all graduates who are in the city will consider that the Dinner is as much an Old Boys' reunion as anything else, and that their presence will be most heartily welcomed. This is an exceedingly opportune occasion for the practical exercise of what is called College spirit, and it is felt that this year's dinner should tend toward the development of a united and living sentiment in regard to our beloved College. The price of graduate tickets is the same as that of the Faculty tickets, \$1.50. It has been already stated in these columns that it is no part of the plan of the committee to swell the invitation list with names of innumerable celebrities. The dinner must be, primarily, a student function, and it has been found that, in order to make it a success in the highest sense of the word, it must come within the financial reach of the average student, even to the sacrifice of the elevating society of the great men of our country. The Faculty will have its own guests, the students will have theirs. Among the prominent men to be present are Hon. G. W. Ross, Prof. Goldwin Smith, and Mayor Shaw. In addition there will be representatives from McGill, Queen's, Trinity University and the Medical Faculty of our University.

McMASTER HALL

The Tennysonian Society

The proceedings of the Tennysonian Society last Friday were very interesting. A goodly number of the Freshies and Soph. gathered to support those who debated and to profit by what they heard. A number of juniors were noticed, sprinkled here and there in the audience, to serve as a leaven to the whole body. President A. McNeill with a broad smile on his face and a Gaelic twang in his voice presided. The first number was musical, the Quartette composed of Messrs. Bryant, Riggs, Brownlee and Welch sang "The Jolliest Boys Are We" and were encored. Mr. W. P. McDonald followed with an original poem entitled "Domestic Laundry" which commemorated in immortal verse the virtues of the irrepressible solicitor of the above laundry. The tenor solo by Mr. H. Bryant was much appreciated. The most important item of the evening was the Debate: "Resolved, that as much benefit is derived from College life and society as from the regular routine work"; a question of live importance. The worthy adherents of the affirmative side of the question were: A. McKerricher, '02, and A. E. Stewart, '01, while Messrs. A. C. Watson, '01, and W. H. Walker, '01, were arrayed on the negative. To give a detailed account of the infinitely abstruse maze of the arguments produced on both sides would be quite impossible, but it will be sufficient to say that they were all valid. The affirmative maintained by psychological and ethical syllogisms, that the social side of College life, as experienced in coming in contact with fellow students in the societies and on the football field, was of equal importance to the ceaseless grind at the regular curriculum work. The negative on the other hand contended that more good was derived from perusing the records of the thoughts of the great men of the past as obtained in the routine work, than from the social side, referring to Socrates, Homer and Euclid. At the conclusion of the debate, Messrs. Colman and Torrie delighted those present with a duet. Mr. J. J. McNeill, B.A., acted as critic and summed up the arguments in a masterly manner, and considered that the preponderance of evidence had been produced by the negative.

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Heard in the Halls.

This will be the last issue of COLLEGE TOPICS for this term.

Miss Anderson, sister of Miss N. E. Anderson, '99, visited Varsity last week.

McPherson's, 228 Yonge Street, is where students get stylish footwear at student prices.

If you have not a dress suit for the dinner, you can rent one from Fountain, 30 Adelaide West, at a reasonable price.

The Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. are holding a combined meeting next Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The auction sale of this year's magazines in the reading-room will take place in Students' Union Wednesday afternoon.

The members of Class '99, Varsity, met last Friday evening to pass resolutions on the death of W. A. Docker, who died at his home last week.

The annual meeting of the University of Toronto Baseball Club was held last Wednesday afternoon. A full report of the meeting and an outline of next Spring's prospects will be published in our next issue.

A meeting will be held in Students' Union Thursday afternoon, at 4 o'clock, for the purpose of forming a Students' Dramatic Club. All students of the affiliated colleges of the University are invited to be present.

The Varsity Hockey Club have arranged for the construction of two rinks on the University grounds. One of these will be for the exclusive use of the hockeyists. Both of the rinks will be kept in first-class condition, and should secure the undivided patronage of all undergraduates.

The Secretary of the Chess Club, F. E. Brown, '00, is desirous of receiving the names of any chess players who are enrolled at any of the affiliated Colleges, in order that their support may be obtained in the Varsity vs. Y.M.C.A., and University of Toronto vs. Athenæum, Tournaments.

The youngest member of the University Athletic Association is a youth of the tender age of thirteen. He hails from Harbord, and has paid his fee like a little man. Now that Yusuf, the terrible Turk, is out of business, this budding Hercules will undoubtedly be heard of in future years as a man of might.

McGill University has just added another to the many fine buildings which adorn her campus, in the new chemical and mining building, which is to be opened on the 20th inst. It is expected that the Earl of Minto will perform the opening ceremonies, and that he, together with Lord Herschell and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be the recipients of honorary degrees from the University.

Mrs. Knight, the returned missionary from the district of An Hwei, China, addressed the Y. W. C. A. on Wednesday last. She clearly and forcibly represented the great need of more missionaries—even though short-sighted people continually say of the mission work, "Why this waste?" Mrs. Knight also gave many interesting illustrations of discouraging difficulties and encouraging successes during her own work in China.

Although some clever and original as well as some euphonious yells have been handed in, not verbally, to the committee which has charge of the competition for the best yell which will indeed fill the "bill" and suit the fastidious taste of the Medical undergraduates of Toronto University, it has been decided to postpone the award until after Christmas. It is understood that Mr. E. A. Young has taken a winning chance. He has, it is alleged, acted upon a suggestion contained in one of the venerable jokes of Puck's Library, and has, *vi et armis* taken in captivity several Thomas cats, from the twisting of whose caudal appendages he has in process of time succeeded in securing a compositio yelli.

The Women's Literary Society held its closing meeting for the term in the Stu-

dents' Union on Saturday evening. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and a program followed. A violin solo from Miss G. Evans was very much appreciated, as also a vocal solo by Miss T. Robinson. Miss Cockburn read a mirth-provoking selection, very aptly chosen, from Josiah Allan's Wife. A half hour was devoted to minute speeches by the girls, the limited time making the whole affair ludicrous and a source of much fun. The speakers were the Misses Cleary, McDonald, Lucas, Lawson, Burgess, Patterson (who made some very pungent remarks), McConnell, Morrison, Darling and others. The meeting closed with "God Save the Queen."

On the invitation of Prof. Hutton, six members of the Chess Club met six members of the Faculty in a friendly match at his present place of residence, Bloor St. East, on Monday evening last. The evening was a most enjoyable one, not only on account of the excellent play that was afforded on all hands, but also on account of the pleasant entertainment of the genial Professor. The games resulted as follows:—Prof. Mavor, 0; Prof. Hutton, 0; Prof. Wrong, 1; Mr. Keys, 1; Dr. Needler, 1; Mr. Milner, 1; N. S. Shenstone, 1; R. G. Hunter, 2; Banwell, 1; F. E. Brown, 1; S. F. Shenstone, 1; A. W. Keith, 1. Although the score resulted 8 to 3 in favor of the Undergraduates, the powers of the players en masse were not in that proportion. Some of the members of the Faculty were very considerably handicapped by a lack of practice, a most essential thing for good chess playing.

The annual meeting of the Rugby Football Club was held last Friday afternoon in the Students' Union. A large number of enthusiastic supporters and players were present. The President, R. S. Waldie, was in the chair. The first item which came before the notice of the meeting was the annual report, which was presented by the secretary-treasurer, Mr. W. H. Alexander. A review of the season showed the marked success of the Varsity teams in winning the Senior and the Intermediate championships in Intercollegiate Series and in playing in the finals for the Junior Championship of the O. R. F. U. The finances of the club showed a substantial surplus, while the season generally had been one of interest and progress. Under the head of new business Mr. V. Henderson advocated the formation of a Rugby league for preparatory school championships, to include the city Collegiate Institutes and Upper Canada College II. Mr. Henderson spoke in favor of the donation of a trophy for competition among these teams. This league would be under the control of the Executive of the University Rugby Club, and would be of inestimable value in developing material for the Varsity teams. On motion of Messrs. Henderson and Gooderham it was determined to undertake the proposed scheme. Instructions to the delegates to the different Unions were then delegated and the following were appointed: C.I.R.F.U.—Messrs. J. Meredith and Thrift Burnside; O.R.F.U.—Messrs. Jack Meredith and V. Henderson. Mr. Jack Inkster followed with a glowing eulogy on the valuable services rendered by Sergeant Williams to the club, and on motion of Messrs. Meredith and Brown it was determined to make a material acknowledgment of the same. It was decided that changes in the playing rules be discussed at a meeting of the Senior and Intermediate teams. The election of officers, which next occupied the attention of the meeting, resulted as follows:—Honorary President, Dr. McCurdy; Honorary Vice-president, W. J. Loudon, B.A.; President A. J. MacKenzie, B.A., L.L.B.; Vice-president, G. W. Ross; Secretary-treasurer, J. J. Gibson. The following were the representatives:—Fourth year, R. A. Armstrong; third year E. P. Brown; second year, A. W. MacKenzie; third and fourth year Meds, N. H. Montzambert; first and second year Meds, B. C. Ansley; S. P. S., J. Davidson; Dental College, A. H. Mason; Knox, M. MacArthur; St. Michael's, A. J. Staley.

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE

McRae's Repertoires include the following:—Old Man Simmons, A Lobster in a Lobster Pot, Had an Old Team called Peddler and Joe, A Game with a Bee on the Grass, My Aunt Sally, Get a New Master and Be a New Man. These make up a splendid selection, and when sung well deserve applause; but owing to McRae's unharmed vocal field, they very often incite Mr. Donovan, his neighbor across the way, to bark.

Mulligan recently indulged in one of his periodical sleeps, holding it down for seventeen hours.

Peter Campbell has been well noted of late.

The College has procured the services of "Old Cap"—the sometime manager of the great Moss Park Rink—to take care of their Skating Rink this year.

This year's hockey team will not, as in former years, be handicapped on account of practice, and we may predict better results from them than last year.

Pupil, dolefully—Will you excuse me from Xmas exams? Dir.—Could not think of it.

F. Anderson is confined to the Hospital (St. Michael's) owing to a broken leg, received while practising Rugby.

Boys, don't fail to purchase the Christmas number of the Catholic Almanac. Apply to the Editor, 510 Queen street west.

KNOX ORATORS DEFEAT VICTORIA

The Last Intercollege Debate of the Term an Interesting One

CONDITION OF THE MASSES

The Employers are Responsible for the Present State of Affairs

The assembly of people which filled the Chapel of Victoria University last Friday evening was a sufficient guarantee that the Inter-collegiate debates are suffering no diminution of interest. The Chapel was filled to the doors and standing room was available only in the corridor. Both Knox and Victoria were fairly represented and occupied the back seats of the hall. Prof. Badgley, the chairman, opened the meeting by calling for a quartette by members of the Glee Club. This number called forth marked evidences of satisfaction and was most successfully executed. The second number contained the chief item upon the program. This was, of course, the debate, the proposition of which was: "Resolved, That the present condition of the industrial classes is due more to the employer than to the employee."

The affirmative was upheld by Messrs. J. W. Davidson and R. H. Bell of Victoria, while Messrs. W. J. Knox and Hugh Munroe of Knox College sought to prove that the position of the affirmative was untenable. Mr. Davidson made it the object of his remarks to show that the present condition of the industrial classes was a very happy and prosperous one, and that the credit for all this was due to the working man himself. He showed that most of the crying evils which had oppressed the working man in times past were considerably modified at the present day. Crime and pauperism had decreased. In particular, the financial position of the laboring people had materially improved. Bank deposits showed a six-fold increase, showing the wide diffusion of wealth among the industrial classes. Moreover labor was not without protection. Trades unions were wealthy and well organized, so that employers were deterred from resorting to oppressive measures through a knowledge of what labor could do. Free trade which had given such a stimulus to industry was traceable to the employee, while increased security of life had been secured as a result of the efforts of working men. The general diffusion of education should be accredited to the industrial classes, which have demanded and obtained institutes, public libraries and schools. Reforms have been effected in the hours of women and minors, while the factory inspectors have secured great improvements in the way of ventilation, fire escapes and establishing the liability of the employer. Employees have opposed in every case the abridgment of their rights, and in the various struggles the victory has been with them. At the demand of the Knights of Labor, a Department of Labor had been formed for the protection of the interests of labor and investigation into abuses. In conclusion Mr. Davidson thought that the path of the industrial classes had been in the line of uninterrupted progress for the past hundred years.

Mr. Knox, for the negative, before opening the argument for the Knoxians made a few preliminary criticisms on the positions advanced by the previous speaker. He claimed that the leader of the affirmative had not traced to specific causes the cases he had quoted, and that when this had been done the tracing had not been very logical. Crime and pauperism were not on the decrease. In regard to the claim that labor had been instrumental in introducing free trade, he thought that the Reform Bill showed conclusively that labor in such movements always went hand-in-hand with capital, and that the upper hand was that of capital. This had been demonstrated by the Chartist rising. The aim of Mr. Knox's argument was to show that power has always been and is in the hands of the employers; and that the present condition, good or bad, of the industrial classes is due in a greater degree to them. Beginning with the industrial revolution of 1750 he pointed out that the inventions of Watt, Arkwright and others had revolutionized industry, and had resulted in the factory system, of the early evils of which he gave a very graphic summary. The employer was at that time almost omnipotent. Prior to the invention of machinery the manufacturing and the disposal of commodities had been done by the one person. The head and the hands then worked in the closest possible union. The position is the same at the present time, the employer taking the place of the head, the employee of the hands. Having shown that power was and is wholly in the hands of the employers, Mr. Knox then proceeded to enumerate certain factors which have tended to confirm them in this condition.

First and foremost was the influence of Adam Smith's famous work, "The Wealth of Nations," which preached the gospel of individual liberty and free play. Under the influence of the *laissez faire* creed, the employer felt himself justified in grinding down and crushing the unfortunate employee. The Malthusian and the Fund theories also contributed materially to perpetuate the retention of power by the employer. Among the remaining factors which had contributed to the confirmation of the power of the employer, were the evolution

theory and the exercise of charity by the moneyed classes. The employee is emphatically the under dog, as is evidenced by the existence of numerous Henry George and other clubs, as well as the strong desire of the working man for the establishment of conciliation boards. It is the working man who suffers during periods of industrial depression. On these occasions, while his wages are lowered, the dividends and the salaries of superintendents remain the same. The laborer is not possessed of the power of bettering his condition. The market is glutted, and men are ready to work for anything. The capitalist on the other hand has the advantage in being able to relieve the poor. He has an additional asset in his superiority. Socially, intellectually and politically over the employee. His intellectual superiority is manifested in his capacity for combinations, while his social and political advantage is self-evident. Being the power-holding class, employers have made concessions in favor of the working classes from purely voluntary motives, which have been inspired more or less by the dissemination of the altruistic principle. The chief reforms have not come from the masses, while almost without exception it is the case that the exponents of philanthropy have arisen from the wealthy classes.

Mr. Bell, who seemed to have a reputation for sarcasm among his fellow students, now took the platform and trained the guns of his eloquence upon the unoffending audience. He endorsed his leader's position that all the prosperity which the industrial classes now enjoy is due chiefly to their own exertions. At the same time he was of the opinion that their present life, rosy as it had been represented by his leader, would be 100 per cent. better were it not for certain evils for which the working man is alone to blame. Mr. Bell then treated the house to a veritable inundation of intemperance statistics. Intemperance, judging from these figures, was indeed the head and front of their offending. Crime was all due to drink. Another charge which Mr. Bell laid at the door of the working man was that of thriftlessness. He does not work after hours and thus employ his leisure hours profitably. Drink, laziness, immorality, shiftlessness, crime and a roving disposition are responsible for all that is deplorable in the condition of the industrial classes, and for this condition they are themselves more or less to blame. Their ignorance and indifference to the Government and institutions under which they live are among the most fruitful sources of the evils to which they are subject. Another evil which the speaker sadly deplored was the premature bondage of family ties. By a classification which he quoted it was easy to see that in this particular at least Mr. Knox's claim for the intellectual superiority of the employers had a firm foundation in fact. The average rich man displays his superior wisdom in marrying at thirty, while his brother, the toiler, submits to the yoke between the age of eighteen and his majority. Female competition was included in the speaker's category. Woman is thereby not only depreciating the value of labor, but she is rendering herself incompetent to fulfil the duties of a laborer's wife. Moreover, the beating down of prices is due more or less to labor. Mr. Bell concluded with a burst of eloquence, in which he narrated some of his own experiences in regard to present condition of the industrial classes.

Hugh Munroe, whose reputation as a debater is one of high standing in College circles, followed Mr. Bell, and closed the argument for the negative. Mr. Munroe gave it as his opinion that the proposition called for an accurate description of the present condition of the industrial classes, in which respect he considered that both of the speakers of the affirmative had signally failed. He excited a hearty laugh by calling attention to the apparently contradictory remarks of the speakers of the affirmative. The first speaker, he said, had given a glowing description of the labor classes, in which they were depicted as frugal, happy, and fairly wealthy, while the second speaker had drawn a picture in which drunkenness, thriftlessness, etc., figured very prominently. Mr. Munroe thought that while the above descriptions were true of the two edges of the industrial classes, the upper and the lower, yet they could not be considered as accurate delineations of the present condition of the average working man. In regard to the claim urged that wages had risen owing to the efforts of the employee, he considered that wages depended far more upon the energy and enterprise of merchants. Mr. Munroe doubted whether wages were universally high. The German employer was enabled to compete successfully, because he kept the working man upon a bare living wage. In England the wages of

the industrial class were low, while in the United States the conditions were long hours for small pay. In regard to the power possessed by capitalists he referred to the dread expressed by economic writers of the future of the oppressed laboring classes. In Great Britain there was an association of capitalists whose objects were the adjustment of differences between the employer and the employee, the regulation of wages, and, in case of trouble, the bringing to bear of the resources of the association upon the refractory ones. In the procuring of legislation they were all-powerful. The working man had no chance against them. In the United States employers were still very powerful, and had generally come out successfully from the various strikes. Canada's industrial condition was not ideal. While the Canadian workingman was not a drunkard, not indolent, nor a pauper, yet there were many conditions of oppression traceable to the power of the employer. The most notable among these was the sweating system, of the horrors of which the speaker gave some description. Mr. Munroe did not think that trades unions had power to influence the rate of wages. He stated that only a small percentage of the laboring classes belonged to such unions, and quoted figures showing that the numbers were less as the years went by. Moreover, in Great Britain all the labor candidates but one had been defeated, while of the total number of votes polled in various constituencies not ten per cent. belonged to labor. The power of the employer is therefore absolute. Mr. Munroe then concluded with a summary review of the arguments advanced by his side in which the line of thought was clearly traced, and which contributed materially to clearer apprehension by the audience of the subject under discussion.

The referees, Principal Hoyles, Professor McKay, of McMaster, and Mr. D. R. Wilkie, were now called upon to consider the respective merits of the arguments *pro* and *con*. During the interval of their absence from the College chapel, Mr. R. Van Wyck entertained the assembly with a very fine baritone solo, which was received with great favor. Mr. C. L. McIrvine followed with a very clever reading, in which he gave evidence of a very high order of dramatic talent. The judges, who had by this time reached their decision, were now anxiously regarded by the supporters of the contending colleges. Principal Hoyles, who acted as foreman, stated that his colleagues and himself had been strongly tempted to make their escape, rather than face the supporters of the unsuccessful orators. After expressing regret that victory could not be awarded to both sides, he stated that the finding of the referees was in favor of the negative. The victorious Knoxians gave vent to their jubilant spirits in hearty cheers, in which they were courteously supported by the Victoria men. The proceedings then came to a close with the singing of the national anthem.

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The hall was tastefully decorated with Varsity colors, blue and white, and with numerous flags. The arrangement of the tables was excellent. On a raised platform at the east end of the Gym was the first guest table. It, with the other tables, was decorated with numerous bouquets of cut flowers. Promptly at 8 o'clock President Knox led the way to the feasting chamber. Besides about three hundred students the following were present: Dean Reeve, Dr. Butler, Rev. Principal Caven, Dr. Parkin, Rev. Father Ryan, Dean Geikie, of Trinity, Elias Rogers, J. S. Willison, W. J. Gage, Rev. Chancellor Burwash, B. E. Walker, R. Sanford Evans, Dr. Hamilton, Dr. O'Reilly, of the General Hospital; Dr. Dwyer, of St. Michael's Hospital; Dr. Cotton, Dr. Britton, Dr. Keenan, of Johannesburg, S.A.; nearly all the members of the Faculty, the house surgeons of the hospitals, and other city doctors. The representatives of other Colleges were: McGill, Mr. Pepper; Bishop's, Mr. Lightstone; Queen's, Mr. Simpson; Western (London), Mr. McKechnie; Victoria, Mr. Walker; Varsity, Mr. Dickson; Dentals, Mr. Holmes; Trinity, Mr. Smith; Osgoode, Mr. Mackin; Pharmacy, Mr. Evans; Athletic, Mr. Russell; University Literary Society, G. W. Ross, jr.

As usual the menu card was a work of art, a credit to its designers and a nice souvenir of the dinner. The front was a cabinet photo of the Dean, Dr. Reeve. This in itself was sufficient to make it prized by the students, who one and all hold the dean in the very highest esteem. The four inner pages, bearing the Menu and Toast list with suitable quotations, had also some good cartoons of the students. These latter were the work of Mr. S. H. Hutchinson, '00, and Fred Young, '99. We ought also to mention the hits on the Faculty on the back cover that were good and appropriate. The card also contains the name of the Dinner Committee.—Honorable President, Dr. Bertram Spencer; President, A. A. Knox, B.A.; First Vice-president, P. W. O'Brien; Second Vice-president, F. J. Doherty; Honorary Secretary, H. F. Brethour; Fourth year, W. G. Ratcliffe, F. A. Young, B.A.; Third year, H. J. Anderson, G. B. Snider, H. S. Hutchinson; Second year, J. T. Dixon, T. E. Kerr, F. S. Riches; First year, A. B. Wright, J. E. Godfrey, J. M. Hoag, E. J. Davey; Representatives from the Medical Society, C. N. Holmes, W. E. Dunnington.

The credit of the success of the affair is due to the untiring efforts of the above-named gentlemen, especially to Mr. Knox. His work as president was no sinecure, and both in committee work and as host of the evening he proved most efficient, well deserving in the latter capacity the title given him in the Menu card, viz., "The Silver-tongued orator."

No mistake was made in leaving the catering in Mr. Harry Webb's hands. The tables were tastefully laid, numerous waiters provided, avoiding awkward delays, and a first-class menu was served in an eminently satisfactory manner. Good sense was shown in cutting down the toast list, making it as short as possible, consistent with the requirements of the occasion, only nine being proposed. As was becoming to such loyal subjects, the first toast proposed was that of "The Queen." President Knox in introducing this toast gave a short, but eloquent address. "Andy" will yet be Premier. He spoke of the great advances made in medicine, and of the proud position occupied by the British nation, over which rules Victoria, "Queen of our hearts and Empress of our hearts." The assembly rose, and, led by the orchestra, sang the National Anthem. Mr. W. H. Dunnington, '00, alias Eddy Blake, proposed the toast to our fair Dominion, "Canada." Coming all the way from British Columbia, the speaker was a fit person to speak of the extent of our heritage, and this he did very ably. The names of Mr. B. E. Walker and Dr. Parkin were coupled with the toast. Perhaps the most vigorous speech of the evening was delivered by Dr. Parkin. He had great faith in Canada and in Canadians—they were equal to the best the world over. He despised the cry, "Canada for the Canadians," it was too narrow a

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sphere: let the motto be, "The whole world for Canadians." The doctor's remarks were listened to with great interest and roundly applauded.

To Mr. T. Archibald, '99, was given the duty of proposing the health of "The Faculty." To him it was a pleasant duty. The students honored the members of the medical Faculty, and the more the latter were known the more highly they were honored. They had always shown themselves in sympathy with the students. The hearty response to the toast proposed by the senior meds' full back showed that his sentiments were echoed by all the students present. Dr. Bertram Spencer was the first to respond. The doctor's witty way is not the least of his good points. He stated that when asked to respond his first thought was, "Well, I'll have to make a speech," his next, "I can't smoke if I do," and his third, "How the dickens can I get out of it." But he was soon consoled by the thought, "If I can't make as good a speech as some I have heard, I can't possibly make as bad a one as others I have heard." He was loudly cheered throughout his remarks, his speech not giving him any necessity to blush. His quotation from Kipling was a happy thought. Dr. A. B. Macallum also responded. He stated that he believed there was no body of students who entertained more heartfelt loyalty and regard for their Faculty than those he was addressing. With Dr. Spencer he agreed that the matriculation examination was too hard, and that other examinations were not ideal, though he thought the University examinations were free from many objections that were urged against others. He would like to see a uniform medical council for the Dominion, and would do all in his power to attain such a condition of affairs. Dr. McCallum's speech showed him to be heartily in sympathy with the student body and alive to their needs.

Jimmy Gow, '99, is one of our best speakers, and he made a neat speech in proposing the toast to "The Professions." He showed that the lawyers, doctors and preachers all exist to alleviate the ills of mankind, and that they should work hand-in-hand. Chancellor Burwash and Rev. Father Ryan responded on behalf of the Clergy, and spoke particularly of the close association between the doctors and pastors, of the responsibility of their duties, and the sacredness of the charge committed to them.

Dr. Britton spoke for medicine. He was in a humorous mood, and entertained "the boys," of whom he always liked to feel as one, with reminiscences of a certain "stag dance" at which he and Dr. Adam Wright had figured in their student days at the old Toronto Medical. Speaking seriously of examinations, he also thought the Matriculation examinations should be modified: he would also favor a Dominion Council examination. Dr. Keenan, of Johannesburg, South Africa, also spoke, illustrating a mock sermon with a carved orange and a napkin. It was decidedly the hit of the evening. Dr. Reeve took opportunity here to thank the students for the wholly unexpected honor they had done him in relation to the Menu card. Mr. W. G. Ratcliffe, '99, in a neat speech, dealing with the power of the newspaper, proposed the health of "The Press."

To this responses were made by Messrs. J. S. Willison and Sanford Evans. "The Hospitals" is ever a popular toast with medical students. It was proposed by Mr. H. C. Wales, '99, in a very becoming manner. He spoke of the great benefits derived by medical men from hospital facilities and training. Dr. O'Reilly, Dr. Dwyer and Dr. White responded for the General, St. Michael's and the Children's Hospitals. In asking Mr. A. J. McKenzie, '00, to propose "Sister Institutions," a wise selection was made. Alex. in his extensive travels has visited most of these Schools and was able to deliver a well chosen address on the good feeling that exists between the Canadian Colleges. The Intercollegiate Football Union had aided in promoting this, and he hoped an Intercollegiate Athletic Association would be formed, providing for a field day, on which the champions of each College might meet in athletics of all kinds. Responses were made in brief speeches by the representatives of the various Schools, whose names appear above in the list of guests. Mr. J. M. Hoag, '02, proposed the toast of "The Ladies." He is unquestionably familiar with the subject, but not to the same extent as "Gussy" Davis, '01, who replied on behalf of the ladies. One could see Gus' manly bosom heave and every inch of his four feet eight inch frame quiver in his eagerness to do his duty on this great occasion. He was equal to the task. The last toast, but by no means the least in importance, was proposed by Mr. F. Adam Cleland, '01, to "The Freshmen." Freddy's speech was full of humorous touches and sage advice. An able response was made by Mr. Logan on behalf of his year. It is the largest Freshman year since 1887, and Mr. Logan is one of its largest members. During the toast list several musical numbers were introduced to relieve the monotony and add to the enjoyment. W. Knox, B.A., (Andy's brother), sang "The Deathless Army" and to a hearty encore responded with "Anchored." Two excellent selections were rendered by a quartette consisting of Messrs. White, '00, Campbell, '00, Pincie, '01 and Godfrey, '02. These were "The Bill of Fare" and "We Meet Again To night Boys." F. E. MacLoughlin, '00, favored the assembly with a violin solo, and Bert Harvey and the only "Doodles" sang humorous selections. The latter's number was a topical song, "Miss Helen Hunt."

All are agreed that the Gymnasium was a wise selection, and the students have no regrets that they met the wishes of the Faculty. The whole affair was a grand success, and too much credit cannot be given to the president and committee.

TRINITY MEDS

Each year the boys of Trinity Medical College have one social function in which their lady friends can join—it is the annual concert given each year in December under the auspices of the Literary Society of the College. It is the night when "freshie" sophomore, junior and lofty senior, all place themselves under the same ban and take "Ambolina Snow" in tow. Last Tuesday night, Dec. 6th, this festive evening passed into the realms of history. Expectation was rife among the student body all day long. A week before the pretty "rouge et noir" program had been placed in the lady's hand and the coveted acceptance obtained. The seats in our halls are never so hard as on the day before our concert, and last week was no exception.

The afternoon was well spent by the Committee in tastefully decorating the Guild hall with the College bunting, so that when the large audience began to gather at 7:30 the stage and galleries of the hall were as pretty as decoration could make them.

Long before eight o'clock the large room was comfortably full, and ere the program opened chairs had been put in the aisles, and most of the spare room at the back of the hall occupied by those who had to stand. The boys cannot but feel proud of the large and influential audience which honored us with their presence, thereby showing their interest in, and respect for our old School.

Sharp at eight o'clock our venerable Dean took the chair and proceedings began, which amounted to loud cheering by many of the shy of the boys who were gracing the gallery with their presence; jokes thrown at those who were brave enough to have won fair ladies; the loud singing of our College anthem, "God save the Dean" and a genial backing of the good things Dr. Geikie was saying, with numerous "hear! hear!" from above—but nobody could ever say "Hear! hear!" like "Curley Oliver"—"Peace to his ashes!" After the first flush of spirits had blown over, the program opened with a violin solo by Miss Louie Fulton. It is not my intention to criticize the artist, but, if good attention on the part of two hundred and fifty students means anything, Miss Fulton's number was a grand success.

Prof. J. H. Shephard then entertained us with an interesting story of some "Foreigners at the Fair," which called forth rounds of applause. The instrumental numbers by Miss Jessie Perry, the talented accompanist of the evening, were well received. Miss Perry has been very kind to the Trinity boys this year.

Miss Gertrude Smith followed with two dreamy selections, "Ah! 'tis a Dream" and "A Dream," songs which seemed peculiarly adapted to the condition in which many of the boys downstairs were, at the moment, living; but they pleased the gods, immensely, too.

Mr. Paul Hahn, who had been unavoidably kept late, quite won the hearts of all as his bow passed to and fro over the strings of his cello. Three selections were needed to appease the hungry appetites of the gallery.

It was expected at this point that Dr. Sheard would deliver the address of the evening, but the genial doctor was so busy in connection with the small-pox cases that he could not attend.

Dr. Geo. Bingham very kindly came to the help of the committee, and talked for a quarter of an hour upon the Ups and Downs of Medical Student Life. The address was interesting in the extreme, and the life of our young men was intently watched by a thousand people from the time he passed over the historic bar till he walked proudly up the aisle of Convocation Hall to be dubbed by the Chancellor M.D.C.M. Dr. Bingham was all right! and the boys didn't forget to say so.

The next number was a vocal solo by Miss Dora McMurtry. Miss McMurtry has sung for the boys before and we all know her worth, but Tuesday night she eclipsed herself. Three selections were sung, and roars of applause showed what we thought about them.

Miss Fulton again appeared winning as usual. With Miss Fulton and Paul Hahn present the music was well varied, the best of it being that it was all so very good.

Professor Shephard read "The Orthodox Team," pleasing everybody but one Christian Scientist, who apparently felt out in the cold. He responded to a vigorous applause with a tribute to "The Queen," by Edmund Brooks.

Music now intervened. Miss Mabel Tait played a bright, pretty air, which made everyone feel very good indeed. Instrumental music is so often the signal for continued chattering, and the blame may rest nowhere, but Tuesday night splendid attention greeted these numbers—a goodly part of the credit belonging to the performers.

The program closed with two solos from Mr. Bruce Bradley. The singer was a stranger to many of us, but from now henceforth we consider him a good friend.

Ten o'clock saw the program finished, a good program, a good audience, a good hour. The committee are delighted over it all and consider the evening a grand success, taking this opportunity of publicly thanking those who took part, the audience and especially the boys, who certainly helped our yearly function to its successful issue.

Last Thursday afternoon the Trinity Meds attended in a body the funeral of their late comrade Mr. Morley Fallis. This sad experience comes very seldom to the classmates of any school, and 'twas easy to see that all were thankful that such is the case. Morley Fallis, '98, came into our school

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about four years ago, and early in his course made many friends. He possessed in a high degree that personal magnetism which unconsciously draws friends around a man. His mental powers were of a very high order, making him a distinguished member of his class, and as an orator he had no equal within our walls. Many will miss him, for as we look back over his association with us all we must say "He had many friends and no enemies." The boys expressed in some slight way their appreciation of his merit by sending to the house a handsome wreath, and one and all feel the sincerest sympathy with the bereaved family.

Lectures close on Friday the 16th, and with one accord we shall leave the worry of school life for all the freedom and pleasure of the Christmas holidays. We wish the boys, one and all, a joyous merry Christmas.

U.C.C. NOTES

The Boxing Tournament of 1898 is now history. It was held in the College Gymnasium and was witnessed by a large crowd of enthusiastic spectators. The preliminary bouts were pulled off on Wednesday afternoon, and the finals on Friday, 9th.

The Wednesday Tournament was opened by a bag-punching contest, Lawrence, Fraser and Austin being the only competitors. Lawrence, though quite small, displayed great skill, and punched the bag in real professional style and was awarded first. Austin and Fraser tied for second place.

The featherweights were Reynolds vs. Warren.—Warren forced the fighting in the first two rounds, but Reynolds clearly out-pointed him in the third, and won. 29-23. The second featherweight contest was Warren (who broke Strathey's nose) vs. O'Brian.—O'Brian forced the fighting in the first round. The second round they broke even. Warren forced in the third and won. 25-22.

The light weights were Lawrence v. Maxwell. Maxwell was very quick, and performed a number of acrobatic feats. Lawrence showed better form, and was awarded the decision. 28-19.

In the lightweight contest of Bradburn vs. Ross, Bradburn led incessantly with his left. Ross seemed a little timid, but was quite wiry. Bradburn won. 28-18.

Middleweight—Leacock vs. Austin. Austin dodged and ducked splendidly, and was perhaps the most finished boxer in the tournament. Leacock was a complete surprise. His splendid guarding, great pluck, and hitting powers were especially noticeable. Leacock was awarded the decision. 26-21.

Middleweight—Howitt vs. Dunn. Dunn was strictly out of his class; he was properly lightweight. He showed great determination and was very quick. Howitt won. 30-17.

Heavyweight—Fraser vs. Billings—Billings was a trifle slow. Fraser was very light on his feet and forced the fighting a great deal. Fraser won, 29-21.

Heavyweight—Stitt vs. Bonnell—Bonnell ducked splendidly. Stitt was slow on his feet, but hit out splendidly. His advantage in reach and his splendid condition caused many to consider him a sure winner. Stitt won. 28-22.

FRIDAY, 2:30 O'CLOCK, FINALS.

Reynolds vs. Warrens (nose-breaker).—Warren had clearly the best of first and second rounds, but Reynolds clearly shone in the third and won the feather-weight championship, 27-25.

Lightweight—Lawrence vs. Bradburn—Bradburn forced Lawrence from corner to corner, constantly jabbing with his left. Bradburn knocked Lawrence out of the ring in the second round. Lawrence was very quick and neat, but was kept on the defensive. Lawrence was awarded the decision, and is now lightweight champion.

Middleweight—Leacock vs. Howitt—Howitt ducked too much, and hit too hard. Leacock pluckily stayed with his opponent, and placed some splendid upper cuts. The judges could not agree, so an extra round was fought. Again the judges disagreed, and Sergeant Morgans gave the decision in favor of Leacock—Leacock middleweight champion.

Heavyweight—Fraser won the heavy-weight championship without having to enter the ring. Stitt who was to have been the competitor, sprained his thumb, and Dr. Thauborne refused to let Stitt don the gloves.

School Championship.—Fraser (heavy-weight) vs. Leacock (middleweight). Both hit very hard. Fraser was fresh and quick, Leacock steady, but slow. Leacock knocked Fraser off his feet in the 2nd round. Fraser swung very hard and landed often. The third round was very tame, both boys having been warned. Fraser was awarded the decision, 35-29, thus winning the school championship.

Judges—J. Scholes, feather-weight amateur champion of Canada; A. C. Goode, ex-welterweight amateur champion of Canada.

An exhibition of swordsmanship was given by Sergt. Morgans, of Kingston, champion swordsman of America. His cutting a potato on the back of a man's neck; smashing a broomstick suspended in two bands of paper, which were placed on two razors, and his cutting of a bar of lead are particularly deserving of mention.

NOTES

Fights or boxing?

Reynolds, featherweight champion, defeated Lawrence, the lightweight champion.

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The third annual "At Home" of the Dental College, which was held on Friday night of last week, was more than up to the average in point of attendance and successful management. The large numbers present were a very creditable testimony to the popularity of this function of the Dental students.

At about 8.30 the guests assembled in the Amphitheatre to listen to the concert program which constituted the first part of the entertainment. Promptly at 10.15 an adjournment was made to the ball room, where the remainder of the evening was spent in the pleasures of the dance. Dancing continued until about 3.30, when all dispersed, the guests feeling that they had been right royally entertained, the undergrads thoroughly assured in their own minds as to the success of this their third "At Home." The committee which had charge of the arrangements, and which proved itself such a capable one, was composed of the following members: President, C. A. Kennedy; vice-presidents, J. W. Gray, J. H. Purdy; treasurer, Miss Ruth Auburn; secretary, J. Brown; representative from the faculty, Dr. W. E. Willmott; committee, P. P. Winn, E. Henderson, W. J. Bentley, R. T. McDonald, J. Andy Carswell. Among the delegates from other Colleges were: Mr. Henry, of Quebec Dental College; Mr. Goode, of Buffa'o; Mr. Wilson, of Trinity Medical; Mr. Carpenter, of Wycliffe; Mr. J. J. Monds, of Varsity, and Mr. Johnstone, of Trinity College. The visiting delegates were hospitably entertained during the whole period of their stay, and an entertainment was given to all the delegates at the close of the dance.

Among the undergraduates present were: Miss Ruth Auburn, Messrs. Abbott, Armstrong, Bain, Ballachey F. C., Ballachey P. P., Bentley, Bowles, Brown, Bell, Church, Cowan, Currie, E. C. Campbell, K. C. Campbell, Carswell, Devitt, Doyle, Fitzgerald, Follick, Carswell, Frank, Gaw, S. B. Gray, J. W. Gray, Grieve, Gunn, Hackett, Hardden, Humphidge, Hunter, Hoare, Hill, Henderson, Holmes, Hoskin, Island, Jarvis, Kennedy, Lockridge, Mitchell, McLaren, Mallory, Milburn, Moles, Murray, McMillan, McDonald, Mason, Peacock, Plaxton, Purdy, Ross, Snedden, Shearn, Sykes, Smith, Thompson, Watson, Winn, Wadsworth, Wilson, Van Arnan and Zinkan.

Miss Jamieson and Messrs. A. E. Snell, W. A. Sadler, G. W. Ross and J. J. Monds of Varsity were also present.

McMASTER HALL

The Theological Society met on Thursday evening. President W. Pady presided. Dr. Goodspeed addressed the society, giving some reminiscences of the Baptist Congress held lately in Buffalo. His report of the chief feature of the Congress was very interesting and helpful.

The Inter-year football series has been buried in the snow. "Requiescat in pace." Class '99 and Century played the last game of the series and both scored two goals. They will have to play over again to determine which shall play in the finals with class '02 for the championship; but when the series will be concluded is now a question.

The thoughts of the boys are now being directed to hockey, and thanks to the efficient and assiduous efforts of Mr. R. C. Matthews, the popular president of the Athletic Association, McMaster will have a rink this winter on the same grounds as those of last year. It is hoped that every student will second the efforts of the Executive and endeavor to make the rink a success. This will be McMaster's third season at the game of hockey, and from the talk around the halls it is evident that a good many sticks will be used here this winter.

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MOCK PARLIAMENT

Speech from the Throne Discussed—The Ministry Sustained

Had anyone troubled with pessimistic views of the future of our fair land wended his way to the "Fanum Litterarumac Scientiae" on Friday evening last, when Her Majesty's Ninth Canadian Parliament held its first session, his fears would have turned to joy, and he would have been inspired by prophetic muse to sing of Canada as a future fairyland, and her people as fairies. All the members were present, save one or two who had not as yet received free use of Hephaestus' wagons—and a ghastly lot they were; some smiling with the hope of office or of contract; others gloomy and depressed at the remembrance of their iniquitous agents; and some again seemed totally perplexed—like the Freshman on his first day at College. There were burly farmers and sly lawyers, counts and knights, wise doctors and wealthy owners of land, editors and theologs prompted with the vain desire to maintain honesty and integrity. And when they gathered themselves together and chanted "Kosy O'Grady" and "Litoria" one thought they were Browning. But when they set to work one knew that all were legislators, gathered for our country's weal. The pen of the Inferno could do small justice to the scene; while even the wit of Plato or all the dialectics of Socrates could never bring to light their weighty arguments. Mark Twain would turn pale with envy, heard he the wit that was not there; lofty were the flights of humor; deep the sarcasm; dramatic were the postures; high swung their arms. Whitney himself could well take lessons in obstruction; while great Sir John would rise from the grave, knew he that ne'er with such master hand had he together held unruly forces.

The Hon. Dr. Wickett was agreed upon as Speaker, and was borne to the easy chair by the leaders of the House. Sergeant Carso bore the mace, while Brother Cassidy acted as clerk. Premier Macdougall, supported by Sir William Alexander and Count Cobourg, had no mean foemen in Fisher, Brown and Mitchell. Lord Minto was not there to read the speech, and for certain sacred reasons. But the speech was moved and seconded, in orthodox parliamentary etiquette, by the Cabinet's "youngest" minions, whose youth no doubt accounts for their transcendent flights of oratory and their innocent confidence in the honesty and competence of the Government. Their congratulations to the Speaker on his elevation drew forth a non-sarcastic smile, while Alex added unto his stature a cubit, so unrestrainedly was he panegyrized.

Then rose majestic, amid Opposition cheers, the Opposition leader. With bitter sarcasm and an exhaustive supply of humor he sketched the items of his speech. His scathing denunciation of the incompetence of the Cabinet caused those celebrities to hide their faces behind the purer pages of the *Globe*. He could remember when the Premier came to Parliament as an innocent, blameless youth, and his heart was pained to see the change. Mr. Fisher had just been reading Exell's Exposition of Genesis, and so closed his speech with, "By their fruits ye shall know them," in a style which any curate would give half his life to imitate.

The Premier followed and was loudly cheered, but the election campaign and the freshmen's panegyric dampened his mood, and then the dreadful Opposition did not allow him to finish his sentences, so rhetorically begun. He was most convinced of Canada's prosperity.

Hot grew the fray: deep were the arguments and great the skill on either side. The idea, the possibility of completing the City Hall in five years, drew forth the sarcasm of the opposition; it would be a death-blow to the industry of some and the genius of others, of those connected therewith. Mr. Brown of Waterloo, thought '99 hardly deserving of assistance—their absence at the Games was conspicuous, and then again even the Freshmen had vanquished them. Mitchell was funny, serious, full of stories from the latest edition of "Nursery Rhymes" which extreme piety forbids repetition. "Extravagance, extravagance!" he concluded, "to stake out the Georgian Bay route to furnish the farmers with kindling." And from this the house knew that Alf's father's farm didn't lie along the route proposed. Mr. Garvey outdid himself. He discussed the finances of Newfoundland and the French Shore question, after the manner of a metaphysician. He appreciated the convenience of distributing the mail in the country, but not the expense. "Let us be cosmopolitan," said he.

But with no less weight had the ministers been parrying arguments, and rearing the solid bulwark of defence. Sir William's criticism of his opponents showed how beneficial is the study of the satires of the Romans. He intends to prohibit foreign labor, and stop the exportation of free logs. Just then the Hon. Mr. Fisher woke up—and enquired whether it was free logs or free lager—whereat with dignity becoming such a subject the worthy Premier assured him in plain English that his Government could stand any amount of the latter. The Minister of Public Works also touched lightly on the educational qualification necessary to exclude a man from the effect of the Prohibition Act. The Peer of the Government was there also with his arguments and reason second to none. Count Cobourg's satire was biting, and his humor original and laughable. He criticized the member for Coshunenonogans' exception to aid for class '99. He meant, he said, the member for Welland but as most of his constituents were Indians, he occasionally made the sad slip of using the wrong tongue. The Count evidently thought his fellow members were Indians too, for he came armed with an evil-looking blunderbuss of mediaeval pat-

tern, which, rumor hath it, was the very weapon with which in olden days it was customary to kill the barbaric Czars of Russia. The Count held up Class '99: "they couldn't help the broken axle of the dray they had hired for the Games, nor stem the Freshmen's cheeks." Nor were these all that spoke: there was Kylie, Flintoff and Aylesworth who wore his father's hat. Yet greatly yearned all to hear the Ministers of Agriculture and Militia; but it was learned that of these the former was inspecting Ayrshires and Humber hogs, while the latter differing with Sir William Hardy about the art of bloody war as a factor of this world's civilization refused to sit in council with him.

At last after these and a multitudinous host of others, whose names are all duly recorded in the book, had spoken wisely, the House divided. But when Fisher comes to power, there'll be no job for Cassidy, as his mathematical ability is seriously held in question, Loud were the Government cheers and large their smiles; deep care and youthful wrinkles disappeared from Alex' face when he learnt he had another lease on life. And now to close we shall expect these things, pledged as solemnly by the Ministry in consideration of support thereto: cheap railway rates, fees decreased, free lager, pure politics, and a sumptuous banquet on Friday evening next.

WYCLIFFE COLLEGE

It is our sad duty this week to record the death of Mr. W. A. Docker, who entered into rest at his father's home, Dunwich, on Wednesday, Dec. 7th. Mr. Docker passed the third year examination in University College and his theological examination in Wycliffe College very creditably last spring, but did not return this term on account of ill health. By his strength of character and earnest devotion he had gained the respect of all with whom he came in contact. He was deeply loved by his fellow students in Wycliffe and the sudden news of his death last week cast a gloom over the whole College.

On Friday evening last Miss Gollock, a delegate from the Church Missionary Society England, visited the College and gave a very helpful address to the students on the subject "Walking with God."

The Rev. N. I. Perry, B. A., rector of St. Thomas' Church, St. Catharines, visited the College during the early part of last week.

The regular monthly meeting of the Gleaners' Union was held in the Chapel on Monday evening of last week. A most interesting and instructive address was given by the Rev. Prof. Cody on "Personal Responsibility."

The Students of Wycliffe College may now be said to be under self government in matters concerning discipline and College regulations. This new system has been approved of by the authorities and promises to be a great success. The chief power is vested in the College Tribune who is always to be a member of the senior class and who is selected by a representative committee from the Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen. The Tribune for the present academic year is Mr. J. H. Gibson.

KNOX COLLEGE

The students of Knox had great reason last Friday evening to be proud of their representatives, Messrs. Knox and Munroe, in the public debate with Victoria. Their arguments were so clearly and forcibly brought to bear on the subject that they brought unanimous conviction to the minds of the referees that once again "Old Knox" should wear the laurel of victory. During the debate a splendid spirit of loyalty was shown by the Knoxians who had assembled in a large body to witness the proceedings of the evening. To the good credit of the Victorians, be it said, they put up a good fight, and good-naturedly bore their defeat.

Steps have been taken to reorganize the Rink Stock Company, so that Knox may hope to have a first-class rink this winter. Let every student see to it that the College has his support in early having good ice and a substantial hockey team. A few men can't do all the work, while the rest are ready only when the ice is ready.

Prof. McFadyen was unfortunate enough to lose his household effects by the recent loss of one of the ocean steamers.

Many hearts are anxiously anticipating the evening of the 16th, when the corridors and rooms of Knox will dazzle with the splendor of many pretty graces.

Thanks to the lady friends of the College for their timely donation of downy pillows for the sleeping couches, however hard the world may seem, there'll still be one of the soft spots whereon to rest.

At the last meeting of the Missionary Society Messrs. Burch and Armstrong gave interesting accounts of their work and experience on their mission fields during the past summer. The Society Executive Committee have been active in arranging for thorough campaign work during the Xmas vacation.

In Hamilton last Sunday Mr. A. H. McGillivray, M.A., represented the Students' Missionary Society in Knox, Erskine, and Central Presbyterian Churches.

Mr. E. H. A. Watson, '00, was a guest in the dining hall last Thursday evening.

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OSGOODE HALL NEWS

The Osgood Rugby Football Club's annual meeting, which was held in the Rossin House on Saturday, December 3rd, was red hot from start to finish and ended up in a large-sized row, without the election of officers. No business whatever was accomplished except the adoption of the Treasurer's report. The trouble was over the election of Manager, and as the meeting grew too hot, and no one could be heard, Vice-president Smith declared the meeting adjourned until Thursday morning at 10 o'clock at Osgoode Hall. Accordingly the students filled the Hall on Thursday morning, and the following officers were elected:—Honorable President, Mr. Justice Rose; President, G. W. Harcourt; 1st Vice-president, Wm. H. Smith; 2nd Vice-president, A. S. Boddy; 3rd Vice-president, F. K. Johnston; Manager, A. F. Healy; Secretary-Treasurer, F. W. Martin; First year, J. L. Counsell; 2nd year, J. L. Counsell; 3rd, A. C. Kingstone. It was decided to enter the Inter-College League to play a purely student team in 1899. The office of Captain will be filled by the executive, at a future date. Messrs. Healy and Martin were elected delegates to the O.R.F.U. Tim Healy, the Manager, will certainly make different arrangements.

THE LIT

Last Friday's meeting of the Literary Society being concerned with the Mock Parliament, the usual routine business received very short shrift. The members exercised their franchise in the appointment of representatives to various dinners, debates, etc., at sister institutions. Mr. A. L. Burch received the appointment of official diner at the McMaster Xmas dinner. Mr. John Patterson will be Varsity's representative at the Knox conversat. The men who will bear our standard at the McGill debate are Messrs. T. O. Russell and F. W. Anderson, while R. J. McAlpine and R. S. Laidlaw will perform a like office at the forthcoming Queen's-Varsity debate.

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