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## QUEEN OF HEARTS.

My Queen of Hearts is queen of mine. But not of mine alone; For she has Cupid's fishing-line,
The bait's a heart-her own!
She gathers in with that dear bait.
The hearts of many men;
But all, save one--sad to relate,
She throws back in at, ain!
Amavo, 'gg.

## LITTLE METIS: A LOWER ST. LAWRENCE WATERING-PLACE.

Far away down on the South shore of the Lower St. Lawrence, two hundred miles below Quel)ec, and thirty miles East of Rimonski, where the cross-ocean liners take on and leave off their mails. lies one of the best, though not best-known, of Canadian summer re-sorts-Little Metis. As its strong, pure air is enjoyed mostly by Montrealers, and but comparatively few Toronto visitors are found there, [ thought that perhaps a few words regarding the place and the people might be of some interest.

Little Metis is easy enough of access, for it lies on the main line of the Intercolonial, though it is rather a long journey from Toronto-about seven hundred miles. If possible, it is better to arrive there during the day-time, for the drive of six miles down to the village, on the river bank, is one well worth having daylight for.

After the train pulls up, it will only be a matter of a few minntes till your baggage is loaded on a wagon and you are loaded on a buckhoard. If you have a sluggish liver, a buckboard is an excellent stimulantespecially the back seat. If you can get the front seat, drive; if not, take my advice and walk. I have see: well-meaning, but misguided fathers, help placid and portly mothers, who had behind them two score years' experience of the back seat of a landan, to climb with grateful confidence into the same position on a buckboard. It is only necessary to hint that the back seat is immediately over the axle, and that no spring intervenes; add to that a Rimouski country concession road, an uneven-gaited French pony, and a furious habitant driver. Mix these thoroughly, as the cookery book says, apply them to the placid and portly mother, and you have a product which hereafter love for Metis can alone make up for. All I can say is, that the night following the drive she will want liniments, pain-killer and soothing-syrup, her husband, all her daughters and the local physician and clergyman.

It is really, however, a very beautiful run down. After a couple of miles we cross a height and begin to descend gradually towards the shore. From this hill
a wide view can be had East and West and North. Straight ahead towards the North the ground falls slowly down to the St. Lawrence, which lies blue and shining in the distance. It is about forty miles across at this point. The farther coast is generally shrouded in a white mist, which you would take for the land, if not told otherwise. The curious breaks in the fog make it look exactly like a series of low mountains, and it is only very close observation which can convince one that what he sees is merely shifting vapor. Towards the West, the land reaches in a Southerly direction. Close at hand there is a small promontory with a lighthouse. guarding a very dangerous' reef, which has crushed the bones of many a ship. The Western corner of this little Cape is Leggate's P'oint, beyond which the sea again encroaches. Almost the last thing one sees in this direction is a number of ships lying at anchor off the coast. They are Norwegian bargutes load ing lumber from the great saw-mills at the mouth of Lord Mount Stephen's salmon river. If we now hool to the Fast, the land is seen stretching out Northwardi, sceming to end in a little point, on this side of which the shore is lined with houses and a white church. This is the village of Sandy Bay. The most striking thing of all, though, is the St. Lawrence itself, leaving the pale blue sly in the West. sweeping past us and beyond Sandy Bay, to the sky-line in the Fast. It is never empty; the long trail of the "world-end steamers"" smoke is always drifting over it, not enongh to stain or cloud the transparent heavens, but sufficient $t$, re mind us that we are on one of the great trade rontes of the world, that Canada and the ends of the earth are in contact:

But we must drive on: the labitant who holds the reins has no use for "views," and still less for reflections on them, and he is becoming impatient. The little 1 rench-Canalian horse gives a plunge, the buckboard jars, and we are off again, up hhill and down hill. bounding over rocks, and rattling over holes which have been half filled up with blocks of turf. Though the road may be rough, it has one compensation; it is direct. It never avoids a hill, will not deviate aal inch. goes straight at it and over it. Then if the native horse is small, he makes up for his lack of body by the siz: of his brain, for when he comes to a decp dip in th: road-which occurs about every twenty yards-he does not slow up, arch his back, creep down the hill, and then have a long, painful pull up the other side. That may be the method with which a Toronto horse would treat such a difficulty, but it is not the plan that the habitant pony employs. He never hesitates what to do. As soon as he reaches the brow of the slope, he draws a long breath, lowers his head, and rushes down the hill like the snow off a slate roof in thaw-time. All this effort is not for nothing; the French horse is, like Shakespeare, a great economist of work. He has not forgotten the climb on the other sill and know;
from experience that if he reaches the bottom at a good speed, the impetus will carry him and his buckboard over the crest of the hill without any additional labor on his part.

After six miles of these ups and downs, we come to a turn in the way; the pace grows faster, the road better, and the smell of salt water stronger. Another minute and we dash past the post-office, a curions, octagonal, wooden buidding; turn round it to the right, and draw up at the Cascade House, a hig, blue-painted, shingle-covered, three-story structure, which is perched on the edge of a cliff fronting the sea or river-according to the name you give the St. Lawrence.

Little Metis is not exactly a metropolis, yet in summer it can boast of quite a large and aristocratic population. It has three large hotels and at least as many departmental stores. 'There is absolutely no knowi article of trade, from a hairpin to a haystack, from a flounder-spear to a jam-tart, that these camot supply. In one respect at least they far surpass any of our latge shops in Toronto, whose lloors cover acres of space; no twithstanding the varied character of the stock carried by the Metis store, it is all packed into a room. about twelve fect square. This wonderful business device saves the customer untold walking and fatigue. Instead of having to fight your way for half a mile from the boot counter to the confectionery stand, anyone can see the advantage of buying your overshoes and maple cream from the same saleswoman over the same counter.

Just as in Toronto and Montreal most of the retail shops are centred on Yonge and St. Catherine streets, similarly, or rather to an even greater degree, in Little Metis, hotels and shops, dwelling-houses and factories are all located on the one great thoroughfare. This renders it very easy to make your way about. If you are looking for somebody's house, all you have to do is to learn whether it is east or west, get started in the right direction, and you must in the end find it. You cannot possibly go wrong. The advantages of this plan of laying a town out are apparent. Just think if New York or London were one continuous street, what a difference it would make!

This one road follows the windings of the shore I think it is the same highway which leaves Levis and runs on to Gaspe. So long as it keeps right along the shore, the habitant, though he prefers to use turf, finds it cheaper to mend the road with gravel off the beach.
butt as soon as it climbs a hill, or goes back fifty feet from high-tide mark, he gets a chance to return to his own method-that of patching with sod-a chance which he does not fail to take advantage of. Strung along it, like beads on a rosary, lie the little, whitewashed houses of the habitants, whose bare stony fields run back to the still rockier heights, which close out the southern horizon. And upon it the children of the desceudants of the men of Normandy play with the pigs and poultry, much, I suppose, as their cousins still do in Old France. They are merry youngsters and seem perfectly contented, even if they are ragged anil a little dirty. They are somewhat shy if spoken to, but occasionally can be induced to reply in their guaint, seventeenth century French, which to him who has been trained to the accent of the Academy, is a little hard to understand. And you will meet their fathers stumping along the road, too-thickset, weatherbeaten fellows, a little backward to greet you, though sometines one will say his "jour m"sien," with a pleasant enough stuile. If you want to see the habitant at his best, you should be out along the road on a Sunday afternoon. By that time all his religious troubles are settled for another week, and be has a clear halfholiday in which to enjoy himself. By hook or by crook he captures a bucl:board and then goes to call for $h_{1}$ is lady-love, who has dresser herself in her best imitation of I don't know what - perhaps it is an original costume. Yet when two couples get comfortably settled in their buckboard, and drive furiously up and down the road, chattering and laughing londly enough to drown the sound of wheels and hoofbeats, you cannot help admitting that they seem happy. The perfect abandon of the Celt strikes the Teuton here in Little Metis, just as it does in the Paris Cafe. It seems childish for people to let themselves be so easily carried off their feet, but then in their eyes the "touriste Auglais," who indifferently watches them from the roadside, is cold and lifeless and dull.

But there are older inhabitants in Little Metis than the Frenchman. A poor remnant of the Red Man still struggles feebly against the doom of his race. Where they put in the winter I do not know, but in summer-time there is always a settlement of them about the "Lover's Walk," or at the top of Inggev's hill, at the west end of the village. They make baskets, bows and arrows, and-steal. The last is, of course, the most lucrative work they do, and they are very clever
at it. A friend of mine had a cottage at Melis last year. His wife did not know what a fondness the Indians have for their neighbors, and everything that is their neighbors', especially their neighbors' firewood. She did notice, however, with growing wonder, that the big pile of pine sticks at the back door was getting: smaller at an extraordinary rate. One morning she said to Mr. L-: "That wood does not seem to go very far." "No," he replied, with a smile, "it only went about a hundred yards last night." Their house was some half-furlong's distance from the Indian's shack.

There are several places of great natural beauty in the vicinity of Little Metis. Twelve miles round the const to the west, Lord Monnt Stephen's samon river empties into the St. Lawrence. A short distance up) this strean are the Grand Metis Falls. This is a favorite spot for picnics, and nearly every visitor makes an excursion there. Though the volume of water is considerable, the tremendous depth of the chasm into which it falls magnifies it immensely, and the result is a very imposing scenc. The only trouble is that the lumberman has cut away so many of the trees that the setting of the picture has been spoilt, and instead of the fringing green that once overhung the stream, the eyc sees nothing but a lot of bare, forlorn-looking stumps.

There is another cascade, much smaller, but really to my mind far lovelier-I mean Crawford's Falls. It lies in a secuestered little canyon, a comple of miles back from the coast. The walls of the little gorge are about a hundred feet apart, and rise sheer into the air. Overhead the arching trees almost tonch, and the light glimmers down through this leafy screen. The glen ends in an abrupt, rocky wall, over which the stream splashes, churned white on the projecting ledges, and rushes away over its shadowed, pebbly bed, to disappear round a bend in the chasm.

I have encroached on my space already, but there is just one more thing of which I should like to speals, and then I have done. It may seem trite to talk of sunsets, but for all that who can help speaking of it who has stood on the Crow's Nest-a jutting rocky pinnacle, a hundred feet above the beach-and looked at evening across the water-beyond the Lighthouse to the horizon, where the sun is gleaming golden-red over the flaming river, while above the sinking orb tiny flecks of fleecy cloud glow like hot asbestos against the darkening blue-all this may be trite and clumsily put, but I cannot help saying it again. Never have 1 seen anything to compare in beatity with that daily scene. Evening after evening the crowd of guests at the hotel would gather to watch the sun go down. Evening after evening they saw a picture, beside which Turner's "Venice" would grow pale, and even its golden glory seem dull and insufficient.

There are many other things of which I meant to speak when I began to write; of the facilities for golfing, temis, and fishing; of bathing in water at fifty degrees: of the excellent cycling and better walking: and last, but best of all, of the unrivalled opportunities for lounging. But I must stop and bring these wanderingand clesultory paragraphs to an abrupt conclusion. I only fear that, like the "'eathen," in Kipling's ballad, they have ended much where they began.
W. A. R. Kerr.

## The College Girl

Two important topics of conversation just now are the Women's Literary Socicty Reception, and the Conversazione.

The "At Home," given annually by the members of the Women's Literary Society to the members of the Faculty and their wives, will take place on the evening of Fehruary $4^{\text {th }}$, in the Cymnasium.

A reception will be held from seven tutil half-past cight, after which a very attractive programme will be presented.

The most interesting feature of the evening will be the presentation, by Miss Burgess, Miss M. L. Wright, Miss Neilson, and Miss Shephard, of "place Aux Dames," a very bright little play from the pen of an American College girl.

A musical programme will be given by the following College girls: Miss Kemedy, Miss Robertson, Miss Wegg, Miss M. E. Mason, Miss Lang, Miss Dickinson, and Miss Kitty Paterson.

It is rather early to say much about the Conversazione, except that there will probably be a large delegation of First Year girls in attendance. Many of the Fourth Year girls have signified their intention of celebrating this function, as it will be the "last occasion," of the kind during their undergraduate life.
('n Saturday evening next, January 28th, the regular meeting of the Women's Literary Society will be held. In addition to a musical programme, there will be a short play, and also a debate.

This will be the second inter-year debate, and judging from the reports, the representatives of the l'irst and Second Years will make a brave struggle for a place in the final clebate with the Fourth Year.

The subject to be discussed is: "Resolved: that a University education pre-eminently fits a girl for success in after life."
lt must be gratifying to the management of the new slating rink to see how generously the College girls are supporting the enterprise. The only thing to be desired is plenty of cold weather.
"The College Girl" would like to offer congratulations to the Hockey Team, who seem to have entered upon a brilliant season of victories, and also to those who so successfully battled against the represematives from McMaster, in the "war of words," held last Friday evening.

Unusual interest was shown in the meeting of the Y.W.C.A. last Tuesday afternoon (January 17 th ), as was testified by the large attendance. The subject "College Temptations," was defined in an exceedingly interesting and helpful essay, written by Miss Tennant, but read by Miss Lick, as the former was unable to be present. Following this, three safeguards against such temptations, viz.: "Prayer," "Bible Study," and "College Friendship," were dealt with by Misses Straith, Conlin, and Phillips, respectively. All the papers showed marks of deep thought, and were filled with helpful suggestions. The mecting on January 3ist will be a roll-call, and members are requested to answer to their names with a verse or some thought on "Answered Prayer."

# The News 

## VARSITY DEFEATS McMASTER.

Last Friday night the Conservatory of Music Hall was crowded to the doors to hear Messrs. John McKay and W. F. McKay outscore the McMaster menMessrs. Harkness and McDonald.

The debate was, in many respects, a model one, and it is not the least exaggeration to say that it proved to be the best debate held at Varsity in years. The programme was well conceived and excellently carried out, and Mr. Gorrie, Mr. Cook, Mr. Knox, and Mr. Hardy all gave their numbers in a most acceptable manner. It is, however, somewhat to be regretted, we think, that undergraduate talent is not wholly employed on such occasions, for it would add materially to the interest to have our own men entertain us, as we know many of them are capable of doing.

Mr. Harkness, of McMaster, opened the debate for the affirmative, and eloquently and forcibly endeavored to prove that "an immediate offensive and defonsive alliance between Great Britain and the United States would be in the best interests of the world's civilization."

Then Fred. Mckay spoke for Varsity, and in a clear and dispassionate manner adduced many effective arguments to the negative.
A. M. McDonald next spoke, and showed that he was possessed of more than ordinary oratorical powers. He brought in his arguments well, but was a trifle too flowery to suit the "Gallery."

John McKay could hardly keep still, so anxious was he to "get at 'em and tear 'em up," which he most cortainly did. The Vice-President of the Lit. again showed himself to be perhaps the best speaker at Varsity, and one could see that he was perfectly at home before an audience.

Mr. Harkness then spoke five minutes for the affirmative, and the Judges, Mr. Riddell, Dr. Cavan, and Mr. McKenzie, retired to decide the victors. While the referees were out, the boys called on Mr. Bengough, who was in the audience, and he kindly responded and gave a very appropriate recitation, which brought rounds of applause, and the song of "He's a Jolly Good Fellow."

Soon after, the Chairman, Pres. Louclon, announced Varsity the winners, and a storm of applatse followed, *howing that the audience perfectly agreed with the verdict. Then the next debate between Knox and Varsity was announced to take place in three or four weeks, and the debate was over.

One pleasant feature was the great number of undergraduates present, both men and women, and the enthusiasm displayed. We have been accustomed to think that the totch-line was the most appropriate place from which the Varsity yell should proceed, but it was emphatically shown that a debate could call forth the best energies of all in this direction to cheer our men on to victory.

The Inter-College League has had its well-merited success so far this year, and it is to be hoped that the Varsity men will now concentrate all their energies towards coming out victorious in this forensic contest, and making the league a splendid success.

## CALENDAR.

Thursday, 26th, 4 p.m.--Lecture, Hon. David Mills. "Egypt," Students' Union. 8 p.m.-Lecture, Prof. McKenzie, "Kipling," St. James' Square Church.

Friday, 27 th, 8 p.m.-Mock Parliament, 99 versus 'oo

Saturday, $28 \mathrm{th}_{1}, 3$ p.m.-Lecture, Sam. Hunter, Esq., "Hieroglyphics," Chemical Building. 8 p.m.Lecture, C. H. C. Wright, Esq., "Gothic Architecture," Canadian Institute.

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

The annual members' "At Home" of the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations brought together a goodly number of the undergraduates and their friends in the Y.M.C.A. Building on Thursday evening last.

Fred. Anderson, '99, was in the chair and directed the proceedings. Mr. Thos. Dodds, B.A., gave a brief address, and also Dr. Tracy, while Miss Laing, 'oo, Miss Kemnedy, '99, and Miss Mabel Dennis furnished the musical and elocutionary talent of the evening. Before refreshments were served, however, Messrs. Anderson, Eadie, Atkinson and Robls gave a very acceptable quartette. Refreshments brought to a close a very enjoyable evening.

Next Thursday, January 26th, Rev. C. A. Eaton, of Bloor street Baptist Church, will give an address on "The Foundation Facts of Life." The address will be given in the Y.M.C.A. Hall at five o'clock, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance.

The Mission Stucly Class will meet on Saturday evening, at 7.30 , in the Y.M.C.A Parlor. The subject of study for this term is "The Social Evils of the NonChristian World," and all students are cordially invited to join the class.

## NEWS NOTES.

We are glad to see that Mr. Parks is well enough again to be back at College.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Chant is able to be around again, after his somewhat severe illness.

The final report of the Dinner Committee will show that the debt and credit sides of the account will just about balance.

Mr. J. C. McClennan, demonstrator in Physics, is working in the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge. Last word from him reported him well.

The Hon. David Mills will lecture on the "English in Egypt," on Thursday at 4 p.m., in the Students" Union Building. The lecture will be under the auspices of the Political Science Club, and students and the public generally will be welcome.

The Executive Committee of the Conversazione, appointed by the Literary Society, is sparing no pains to make the Conversazione an unprecedented success. Meetings have been, are being, and will be held twice a week until the event is past. The Graduate Committee also is working its hardest.

Let all the students, when the time comes, second the work of the committees appointed by them.

SPECTALIZATION.
Edmor of The Varsits.-
Sre,-This is obviously one of the most important subjects within the whole range of academic legislation and administration, and 1 ann glad to sec that it is attracting the attention of the midergraduates. They are the chief sufferers where mistakes are made in prescribing courses of study, and if the latter are unsatisfactory, it is the privilege of those who can speak from experience to point out defects and suggest remedies.

It has been my unwavering opinion for over twenty years, during nearly seventeen of which I have been a member of Senate, that in this Lniversity we have gone too far in the way of specializing courses of study: I do not contend that we have created too many special courses; on the contrary, I would add to their number by creating new groups of subjects for graduation purposes. My complaint is that in many, if not all of the special departments, we have made the courses of study too narrow and exclusive; we should now, after careful consideration, make some, if not all of them, less intensive and more comprehensive. This may most advantageously be accomplished by means of a skilfully-planned system of options. At present we allow a student to select one of a number of departments, why should we not permit him to substitute for part of the work of that department an equivalent amount selected from some other one?

The general result of such a system, rightly adjusted, would be to enable those students, who desire to become intense specialists. to secure what they want by working out the present courses as they are defined, while others would be enabled to secure honor standing in one department, and yet obtain a more varied academic education than any one department could give them. The specialist in Mathematics would be all the better for keeping up, during his Third and Fourth years, an acquaintance with literature, either in his own or in some foreign tongue, and the specialist in Literature would find it useful to carry on to the end some special work in Science or Philosophy.

Some years ago, I proposed in the Senate, and I intend to renew my proposal this session, the creation of a new graduating department, made up of part of the work in Classics, and part of the work in Modern Languages. One resulting advantage would be an obvious retonation of the intense specialization which now virtually compels a student to take only one of these departments; another would be the encouragement it would give to the study of Greek, a subject which has been unfortunately relegated into unmerited obscurity in our present curriculum; a third, and the most important of all, would be the improved opportunity it would offer for the comparative study of Literature, and especially of poetry. Such a department would rapidly become popular, and it would furnish our sccondary schools with a class of teachers now very scarce, graduates capable of teaching effectively both Classics and Modern Languages.

There is a curious and, to me, inexplicable absence of uniformity in the prescription of what are called "additional requirements," in the various honor courses. There are subjects taken from the general course. In some departments they are prescribed for one year, in others, for two, in some for three years, and in two of them for the whole form. A study of the curriculum
will not disclose any general principle in accordance with which this work has been prescribed, and I may say the same of the discussions in the Board of Arts studies. After participating in many of these, I can give no explanation of the result, unless it be the idiosyncrasies of instructors, and their reluctance to interiere with each other's recommendations.
lbelieve that the English of the general course should be made an obligatory additional requirement during all four years for students of those departments which do not comprise honor English, and that for them there should be a choice during the four years between Latin and History. Four years' reading of English Literature, if the examinations are based on the texts and not on lectures, would be in itself a culture education.

Yours truly,
Wm. Houston.
Toronto, January 23rd, 1899.

## NEWS NOTES.

Mr. Sam. Hunter, Cartoonist of the World, will lecture on "Hieroglyphics, Ancient and Modern," next Saturday.

There are still a few copies of Sesame left, and all who have not yet secured their copies should do so at once from Miss Salter or the Janitor.

Professor McKenzie, of Trinity University, will deliver a lecture on "Kipling," in St. James" Square Church, to-night at 8 p.m.

The Grenville Kleiser Concert went off well Monday night, and Messrs. Smith, '99, Kay, Mitchell and Incas, deserve credit for having carried the concert through so successfully.
V. E. Henderson, '99, read a good paper on "Zoogeograply," before the Natural Science Society on Wednesday last. Geo. Cornish, oo, gave an interesting essay on "The Elephant and its Ancestors."

It is urgently requested that all members of '99 should "pose" at their earliest convenience for the class picture, at Park Bros., on Yonge street, opposite Gould. All photos must be taken by the middle of next month.

It is to be greatly regretted that more are not using the splendid Skating and Hockey rinks which the Hockey Club with such commendable enterprise had macle. The tickets are very cheap, and it is to be hoped that more will soon join.

John A. Ewans' lecture on Saturday last was much appreciated by the large crowd that filled the Chemical Lecture Room. He was the Globe correspondent to Cuba, and was thus in a position to give a good description of the land campaign.

The open tournament of the Chess Club is still in progress, and is bringing out some splendid playing. Y.M.C.A. beat the University team in their match, but it was another case of the advantage of experienced over less experienced players.

At a meeting of those interested in the Hallowe'en Club, last Friday night, the suggestions of the Nominating Committee were ratified, both as to the name of the new organization and the officers selected. Active work will be proceeded with at once, and if an original play cannot be secured in time, "Midsummer Night's Dream "will probably be produced.

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> Toronto, January 25, I899.

## THE PROFESSOR AND THE STUDENT.

Ever since our first year we have often heard the remark that the Professors hold themselves aloof from the undergraduates to such an extent that they do not care to recognize them on the street. Now this must certainly be agreed as an unjust and ill-advised statement, if we will but stop to consider the circumstances for a moment. Many members of the Faculty must academically come into contact with members from each of the four years, aggregating in some cases two or three hundred students-of course not nearly so many in others. Thus it will be readily granted that it would be next to impossible for a Professor or Lecturer to remember so many faces from the mere casual observation of them in the Lecture Room.

What, then, is a remedy for this? We were much in doulbt for some time, until one of the Professors expressed himself on the subject, as follows: "Since we cannot remember all the students with whom we come into contact in the Lecture Room, it seems to me the only way out of the difficulty is for the undergraduates themselves to salute us when we meet on the street. We are all glad to know and recognize our students, but it is impossible to remember all."

There used to exist at Varsity, as there does yet in many Universities, we believe, the custom of the undergraduates saluting every member of the Faculty on the street, but this seems to have fallen into disuse. We would incline strongly to restitution of this laudable custom: but if this is not to be, we hope that the undergraduates will remember the evident wish of the Faculty in this regard, as expressed by one of our oldest and best-known Professors. This may appear a triffe to some, but it is such little things that help to bring the Professor and student into closer touch, and disillusionize the mind of the latter that the former wishes to always keep him at arms' length.

THE ATHLETIC ASSOCHTHON.
In a recent issue of The Varsity, the "Retere" draws attention to the fact that the original idea and aim of the Athletic Association has not been realized. The intention undoubtedly was that this body shoult control all branches of Athletics in the University. How far this has been fulfilled we all know. The Association has doubtless been of very great service to the University in the fostering and governing of Athletics, and especially in the supporting of the Gymnasium, and we do not wish to be considered as endeavoring to depreciate its value and service, past or present. We would point out, however, that the Athletic Association does not govern Athletics in the University as it should, and as it was intended it should, and moreover, that the fault lies in its organization-not in the men who have the helm. The fact is, as the "Referee" says, it is only to the exceptional ability and hatd work of the officers in the past that the Association can look for the measure of success it has had in its most difficult undertaking.

We had an opportunity some time ago of enquiring into the methods of governing Athletics at several American Universities, and we were forcibly struck by three things: lirstly-The Centralization of Athletic Government. Sccondly.--The Co-operation of all Branches of Athletics thtis secured, and Finally.-The important part played by the Faculty in the Coverning of Athletics.

To illustrate, we will give the formation of one Athletic Board which seemed to emborly the above most acceptably. Some eight members of the Board were elected from the four years in Arts (it was not such a comprehensive institution as Varsity), who formed the undergraduate representatives. To these were added three members of the Faculty, forming in all a body of eleven, in whom was invested all power of Athletic Government. The inner constitution of this Board was after this manner: One member of the Faculty was Honorary-President, another HonoraryTreasurer, and the third was Honorary-Secretary. From the undergraduates on this central body representatives were appointed to the various Athletic organizations, such as the Rugby Club, Track Athletic Club. Tennis Club, etc., etc. These men acted as HonorarySecretaries and Treasurers of the Clubs to which they were sent, and without their consent, obtained of course through the Central Committee, no financial undertaking could be proceeded with. The duty of these men was to report to the Honorary-Secretary and Treasurer the financial and other affairs of each Athletic organization. This method secured perfectly the centralization desired.

In the matter of co-operation, when once a Club was permitted to use the University name, and thus recognized by the Athletic Association, the latter
would agree to help it as much as possible. Of coursc the Board would not agree to vouch for all the expenses of any Club, but would make it a certain grant --would vote money for supplies. This co-operation, ali will agree, is very desirable, for if one branch of Athletics is not self-sustaining-such as Track Athletics, Rowing, etc.-those Clubs which bring a surplussuch as football-should lend their financial assistance to their poorer but none-the-less wortly brothers. For example, the Football Club at Harvard paid off all the deficits in all branches of sport last season.

We do not mean to say that this is the organization desired. We merely give it as a matter of interest, and the basis for argument on this important question. We repeat the offer of the use of our columns for suggestions and discussion on this important matter.

## SPECIALIZATION (UNDERGRADUATE).

## Editor of The Varsity,-

Sir,--In opening last week's Varsity, I was much pleased to find that a matter which had long interested me. had at length been broached in our College paper. I refer, of course, to (iraduate's article on "Specialization," and to your own editorial on the same subject.

For the past year and a half, or longer, I have thought more or less about this subject of "Specialization," and would like to set down a few facts in connection with my own course, Mathematics and Physics.

In our First year, outside our Honor Course, we had pass English, Latin, French and German, with the option of Greek for Latin. In our Second year we had nothing outside our course, except Chemistry, and part of this was so closely allied to Physics, that one can scarcely say it was outside work. Since our Second year, nothing has been prescribed for us, outside Mathematics and Physics. Hence you see that a student taking his Honor Course receives lectures in nothing outside his course, except liirst year pass English, Latin, French and German.

Now, the question is, has a student at the end of such a course as this, obtained the best his Alma Mater might have given him? I think not.

He has, without doubt, a knowledge of Mathematics surpassing that obtainable at any other American University in the same time, but has he that culture and real education which we are led to believe a University training gives? I fail to see how he can have.

Culture, as I think of it, can only be acquired by much intermingling with men-with men who have different aims, different opinions, and different characteristics from one's own. Real education cannot be obtained by incessant study of one particular kind, but must be arrived at by a judicious choice of various kinds.

Then we in Mathematics can neither hope for the truest culture nor the best education; for, since the end of our First year, we have come in close contact with not more than twenty-five men, and, as I have stated before, have, during the same time, done little or no outside work.

One might well ask, is there no remedy for this? and although it may be considered presumptuous for an undergraduate to speak on this subject. I would like to offer my own humble suggestion.

In subjects prescribed for First year work, I would suggest no change. But in the Second year I would suggest taking only a part of the Chemistry (cight to nine and sometimes ten hours a week being too much), and in place of the other part, devoting say four hours a week to some of the pass subjects, English, French, German, with one of the subjects of the Political Science Course. Then in the Third year, instead of spending from nine to twelve hours a week in the Laboratory, make seven or eight do, and devote the remaining four or five to the rest of the Chemistry and to a continuation of pass lectures of Second year. Of the Fourth year, I am, as yet, not in a position to speak, but I fancy that we might even, as Seniors, spend three or four hours a week very profitably in outside work.

It will doubtless be urged that we can take these pass subjects if we like, but a man who has only just finished his First year is not always fitted to know what is best for him, and indced, he may think his Second Year Honor Work so difficult as to preclude his taking anything not prescribed, or the pass lectures that he might wish to attend will perhaps clash with his Honor Lectures. For these and other reasons that might be mentioned, it would be advisable to have the outside work regularly prescribed.

Perhaps it am all wrong in my ideas concerning outside work in connection with the Honor Course. The Senate and Faculty ought to know what is best for the undergraduate body, but I, nevertheless, think that some time could be given to pass subjects cach week, without in any way hurting the high standards of our Honor Courses.

Yours, etc.,
Math. ani Pifysics, '99.
 congratulate the Paterfamilias of the year, and they hope that after his last burst of indignation he will be treated with proper respect.

Mr. Lorne Allen was elected, at a mass meeting held in the Library on Tuesday, I 7 th, a representative to confer with the Conversat. Committee.

Some people have been enquiring why the pictures in the Library are not all hung up, as it is extremely difficult to see them while they are on the floor.
-In the proof for the S.P.S. Dinner Menu, there was a rather laughable typographical error. The toast to "Athletics" was supposed to be followed by the appropriate quotation from Ingoldsby, "Take a suck at the lemon and at them again." This, however, the printer, with a commendable show of wisdom, placed after the toast to "Our Guests." To which is it the more appropriate?

The master frowned and looked his worst--
"You're late, my boy, this will not do."
"Please sir, the walking was so bad,
Each step I took, I slipped back two."
The master laughed a merry laugh--
"Then how did you get here, to-day?"

- Please sir, at last, I just-I just

Turned round and went the other way."
Irate Father-"You young fellows to-day don't know what hardship is. Why, when I was six years old 1 often had to walk six miles to school, through three feet of snow."

Son-"At that rate, then, Patcr, I suppose when you were eighteen you walked eighteen miles through nine feet of snow?"

## FRUGALITY AT COLLEGE.

Webster sent to his father for money to get a warmer suit, and received the following answer: My Dear Boy,--

You know when I sent you to College, I had to borrow a dollar to bear the expense. Since then I have had to borrow four other dollars from different parties to pay the original debt. I enclose two cents. Take one and buy a pipe, and use the other for tobacco. Smoking breeds contentment; contentment breeds stoicism, and if you are a complete stoic you will not want clothes."

## DIALOGUE AT Y.M.C.A. RECEPTION.

Young Member of the Faculty-"Very unsettled weather we are having just now, is it not?"

Freshette-"Yes, very!"
Young Member of the Faculty-"It looked very much-like rain this afternoon, did it not?"

Freshette-"Yes, very!"
(Pause).
Young Member of the Faculty-"You are in the First Year, are you not?"

Freshette-"Yes! So are you, are you not?"

## A MEDICO'S LAMENT.

We'll no more shout that song of joy, -A dirge we'll chant instead;
For you know, "the best man in the town," ()ld Hiram Walker's dead!
-An amusing incident occurred in Mr. Squair's room a short time ago. One of the ' 99 men on the Dinner Committee was having Mr Squair and M . des Champs correct the proof of the Menu, which was en Francaise. After M. des Champs had clothed the names of the numerous dishes in proper French, and the sedate Senior had left the room, the former turned to Mr . Squair, and enquired: "Est-il le Chef?"

## Athletics

## The Hockey Club-

The Hockey Club has this week accomplished much, and has added largely to its laurels. The Senior Tean has played two matches, each of which it has won. The first match was a practice game against the Toronto Rowing Club septete. The team, especially the forwards, showed Varsity's old fault of not getting down to work at once, and the score stood at one time $4-0$, against them. The second game was the second championship game against the Wellingtons. With a lead of eight goals from the last game, the team at no time worked seriously. The team, as a whole, is the strongest that has represented Varsity for a long time, and the key to their strength is the defense. Waldie in goal is playing the same sterling game that he has done since he came down from U. C. C., but is not quite up to his form of two years ago. Alec. Mackenzie at point is a good man in a hard place, and he works extremely well with both Darling and Waldie. Darling, at cover point, is showing himself quite fit for Senior Company, but is not, as yet, in as good form as at the end of last season. He plays very coolly and collectively, almost too much so, for he shows a tendency to be too confident in his own powers. The verl) to be used in describing Sheppard, is "scintillate." He is still, as ever, the most brilliant and erratic of the Varsity forwards. He is really too fast and too brilliant, as he fails to realize that the others do not get up speed so quickly as he docs, and hence he often passes too far ahead. He renders more aid to the defense than any of the others. Snell, although less brilliant, is an exceedingly pretty player, handling his stick with great dexterity, and using his body and speed to good effect. He adapts himself to the style of others exceedingly well. Isbester is the prettiest stick-handler of the line, and shows good speed when once under way. As he is always in his place, and a good shot, he would be an excecdingly valuable man if he could get into better condition, which he will do, no doubt, before the season is over. Broder played the left boards on Friday, but from lack of practice in that position he does not make use of his position to advantage, either in attack or defence. For the same reason he is inclined to carry the puck too far into the corner. We may confidently hope for great things if not a championship from the team. Everybody should see the team play Stratford on Firiday night at the Mutual St. Rink.

The Second Team played their initial game on Friday night also, but unfortunately met with a defeat, though not a serious one, the score being 6-4. Rochmer played goal, and proved to be as good as his reputation, which is saying a good deal. He stopped many a shot and did much to keep the score down. The other members of the team were J. Parry, R. Pary, Wright, Thorne, Groves and Winters. The tean started with a rush, scoring three goals in short order, but then tired rapidly. With more practice they will be able to redeem themselves in the second game.

## The Athletic Association.-

Several undergradtuates, and one at all events among the graduates, have expressed approval of what I said in the last issue, as regards this important body,

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and have expressed the hope that some discussion leading to a change for the better would result from it. The graduate with whom 1 spoke, stated that the intentions of the founders of the Association was that it should ere long become the paramount controlling-power in Athletics. I have already received several valuable suggestions verbally; I wish that some of the members would write short letters for publication. One suggestion was that in order to add honor to the winners at the games, the Athletic Association should arrange that a group of winners should be photographed, and hung in the Gymmasimm, cach year.

> Tile Referee.
W. H. McNairn, Secretary of Class of '99, has on hand a number of class pins, selling at seventy-five cents.

Osgoode Hall Rugby Club intend giving a dance on January 27 th, at the Hall.

Dr. Bensley's monograph on the "Gastric Glands," has appeared. It is said to be the best work yet done on this subject.

## THIS WEEK'S VARSITY.

We publish in this issue an article on "Travel," from the versatile pen of Mr. W. A. R. Kerr, which will doubtless prove very interesting. The pressure of other matter forced us to hold over an article by Alumna.

We also publish a letter from Wm. Houston, M.A., on the important subject we introduced to our readers in our last issuc-"Specialization." We are sure his letter will be read with great interest; as also will the undergraduate letter, by a Mathematical and Physical student of the final year, on the same subject.

OPEN MOCK PARLIAMENT.

## Editor of The Varsity,-

Sir,--In the last number of Varsity a suggestion was thrown out as to the suitability of sulstituting a session of the Mock Parliament for the ammal Public Debate. The suggestion was both opportume and good, and it is to be hoped will be put into practice.

The Public Debate has been an excellent and instructive feature since its advent, but now, with the Inter-Collegiate Debating Union, in which we expect $V$ arsity, with her plenteous store of rhetorical, yet pointed debaters, will be always in the Semi-Finals, if not in the lrinals, have we not a wide field for our brilliant speakers? Moreover, there is the anmmal debate with McGill, Osgoode, and Queen's. The Mock Parliament would enable the Literary Socicty to show better its hidden lights and would afford a means for more than four of our debaters to pour ont their streams of gushing rhetoric. By having a Third Party and the P. P. A.'s, at the last Mock Parliament, there were more opportunities given for those appropriate sallies of wit and humor which characterize all the meetings of the Lit. Something of this plan could be adopted, and we might feel quite confident of success, for there is both quality and quantity of material. ()f course, being a public occasion, Iike the Public Debate, it would be a more elaborate affair, more time being given to the principal speakers for their speeches proper. It is to be sincerely hoped that the timely suggestion will force itself on the minds of the Lit. officers, and lead to practical results.

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## The Rotunda

We are glad to see John Gibson, 'oo, back again.

The knight of the grip lai! "Billy" Rea flat on his back last week.

The $4^{\text {th }}$ year natural science men say they haven't time to get the grip.

Ross Gillespie, 'oo, has moved his quarters from residence to College st.
"Dick" Fudger, '02, returned to work late last week recovered from his illness.
A. I. Harvey, '99, was also one of the delinquents who returned somewhat late.

Clarence Leach, '98, is lightening the heathen darkness of the Indians in Manitoba.
We heard a remark from the gallery that C. V. Dyment, 'oo, was at the debate last Friday night.
"Puzzer" Greig has filed an affida. vit that OYSTERS were served in residence on Friday last week.
"Dick" Davidson, '99, says he is living in the sweet recollections of his pleasures at home during the Christmas holidays.

Will Ingram, 'or, returned late from his holidays and reports Woodstock more charming and attractive than ever.
"Sam " Blumberger, '99, allowed the " microbus grippus" to get the better of him, but he managed to repel the destroyer after a few days and is well again now.
J. L. Biggar, who was with Niven's expedition to James Bay, intended to go into residence this year, but unfortunately got back too late. He expects to start next year.
"Rex" King has been laid up with a bad attack of grip.
Murray Tait, '99, returned late after spendiog a very pleasant holiday at his home in St. Thomas.
"Lexie" Isbester was forced to weigh his heavy pillow down for a couple of days on account of grip, but he is all right again.
Jack Hogg, 99, has been suffering frum a very severe cold which we would like to believe-just for fashion's sake -to be "la grippe."
"Scottie " Smeaton, '99, was almost forced to call in the " meenister," so badly was he afflicted with grip. But, we are glad to say he is "a' richt" again.
"Vancie" Bilton, who was at Varsity two years ago, has been compelled to go west for his health and is now playing the interesting role of cow-boy on a ranch.
We did not know that Miller, 'on, was back until he was so vociferously requested to "take a brace," and give up his front seat to the ladies, at the debate Friday night
"Tarte" Hills, 'o2, is at present devoting his energies to the more sober endeavors of a college education. We hope he succeeds as well in them as he did in the other.
R. G. Hunter has been induced to lend his p wers of eloquence, rhetoric, erudition, sarcasm, argument, invective etc., etc., to the men of 99 in their forensic struggle with the marvels of 'oo.
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