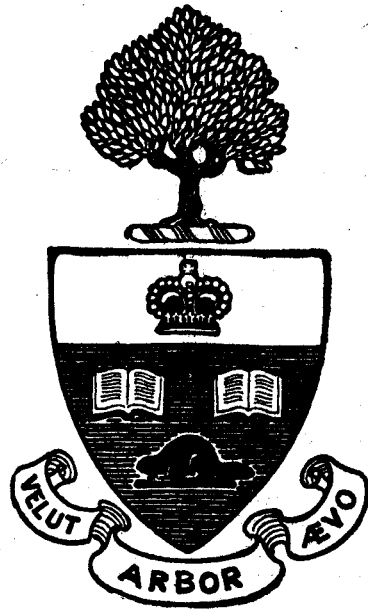


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Principal Hutton's Speech at the University College Dinner

You will agree with me, Mr. Chairman, that the first result of Sir Wilfrid's speech is likely to be a boom in the study of Latin.

You will agree with me also that Mr. Coatsworth, if he be Daniel in the lion's den, was justified in cutting his speech short. Certainly Daniel, when he submitted to attend that banquet, had every reason to suppose that, whatever after-dinner oratory there might be, there would be no call for him to speak.

This is a dinner of the Literary and Scientific Society of University College, and not, as some have fondly imagined, of the Senate of the University, and therefore in the name of the students of University College I beg to thank Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir William Mulock and our other guests for their courtesy and consideration in attending.

I shall not go on to add that the statesmen among our guests show sagacity as well as courtesy; for that what the students of University College think to-night all sensible persons will think to-morrow. I have sometimes had my doubts of that proposition in the past; to avoid future embarrassment I decline to commit myself to it now.

Sir, it is natural that the students of this College should desire to see and hear the Premier of this Dominion, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and the leader of the Opposition in the Dominion, as they had the pleasure of seeing and hearing him lately; it is natural that they should desire to see and hear the local Premier, Mr. Whitney, whose absence we regret, but who is represented here by Mr. St. John and by Dr. Pyne, and the local leader of Opposition, Mr. G. W. Ross. It is natural that they should wish to meet these distinguished men. That is all the politics there is in it.

As if to make assurance doubly sure, Sir, the students selected to propose the toast of "Our Guests," me, whose politics are antediluvian, beginning and ending before the first Reform Bill and the grant of responsible government, dating in part from the first Olympiad 776 B. C. to the death of Socrates B.C. 402.

For a similar reason, Sir, they called you to the chair. For as their eyes ran down the long list of our guests, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Wil-

liam Mulock, the Hon. Mr. Whitney, the Hon. G. W. Ross, the Hon. Dr. Pyne, the Hon. Mr. St. John, the Hon. Mr. Aylesworth, Mr. Coatsworth, Senator Jones, and on the other side, the Rev. Professor Clark, the Rev. Dr. Burwash, the Rev. Dr. Maclaren, the Rev. Professor Kilpatrick, the Rev. Mr. Barr, it dawned upon them that all their guests were in politics or theology, and these they perceived are kindred studies, for they remembered reading in Aristotle that neither study admits of exact thinking, each depends on convention and common consent, and opinion. You pay your money to this church or that, to this political party or that, and there is no constraining obligation, no mathematical necessity to make you choose one more than another, and though the methods in which the monies are spent may be slightly different and the audit in one case more severe than in the other, the substantial identity of spirit remains, for each profession rests on faith and not on knowledge.

Accordingly our students noting this began to fear there would be some loose thinking where so many politicians were gathered, and where there were so many theologians some loose talking, and casting about them for a compromise, desiderating some saving admixture of exact thought, some redeeming tincture of mathematical demonstration, they placed you, Sir, in the chair.

But, to return, how could there be any politics here, when 99 per cent. of this audience are in the same position with yourself. If I were so impertinent as to ask you, Sir, your politics, you would answer me as though I were to ask you your religion: "I am of the politics of all sensible men," and if I still pressed my catechumen for further definition, he would answer me, "No sensible man ever tells." Well, the vast majority of this audience are in the position of the sensibly-silent man; only a small minority, only the handful of eminent statesmen near me are not in that position: Not that they also are not sensible men, "so are they all, all sensible men;" but it is they only who are denied the privilege of silence, whose business and duty it is to tell us all they know and think about politics.

And nobly, sir, and in no niggard spirit do they discharge that trust. They cannot talk politics to-night, therefore I will bear witness for them. So largely and generously indeed do they interpret this duty, that occasionally as I have listened to their political orations, on occasions very different from the present, I have seemed to discern on the horizon of my mind a fancy, that they tell us even a thought more than they think, and a shade, if it be possible, even more than they know.

And now, Sir, a word about our guests.

It is the happiness of England, it is often said, that her politics have no acerbity. We have inherited that happiness. There is another happiness more accidental more temporary which we also share just now with the Mother Country. It was said of the former British Premier the other day by Mr. Haldane, his opponent, the present Minister of War, that the House of Commons would not seem right without Mr. Balfour; and of the present Premier it is also said that he owes his high position in part to the fact that he is an unassuming, modest gentleman, disinterested and conciliatory. Well, Sir, Canada has the same good fortune to have at its helm a man whose personal gifts and graces excite a kindly interest, and a general liking quite apart from party politics; if indeed the gifts and graces of the haute politesse which belong to the blood of France can be compared with the subdued reflection of them, the faint echo of them, which is all perhaps that is attainable to us ruder British natures.

It is a pleasure to us all to welcome Sir William Mulock again. Sir William gave many years of loyal service to this University; with Sir Daniel Wilson and Chancellor Blake and the Hon. G. W. Ross, he laid the foundations for that expansion of the University, which has been fostered by President Loudon, Chancellor Meredith, Vice-Chancellor Moss and the Hons. Messrs. Whitney and Pyne.

Afterwards Sir William took up a new sphere of work at Ottawa. There he earned, if possible, a more golden praise; for while he had been generous here to the University of his own money, in Ottawa he was economical of the money of the State, the rarest of all virtues in these days, and therefore the virtue of those days. Anyone can be economical of his own money; all professors and most students have to be, but it is not many who are economical of the money of the State.

Then when Sir William found the task becoming too heavy, he resigned it to the Hon. Mr. Aylesworth. And it is a consolation to everyone here to think that whatever wars and rumors of wars, revolutions and massacres distress the unhappy continents of Europe, Asia and Africa, we shall digest these horrors with the same punctuality as of old at our breakfast table, and with that chastened sorrow with which from a safe point on land one watches the sufferings of one's tempest-tossed neighbors upon the ocean. With the same punctuality, I say, as of old, because the mail service of Canada is still in the hands of a graduate of this College, and the Hon. Mr. Aylesworth sits in the Postmaster's chair. "Our Guests."

OTHER COLLEGES

McGill held a boxing competition on Tuesday. Mr. Ben Greet was a guest at the McGill Arts dance.

Hazing trouble at Queen's has come into the Police Court.

Earl Grey delivered an address at the McGill medical dinner.

Mr. Richard Mansfield addressed the students of Pennsylvania on "The Drama."

There are now one hundred and forty-six Rhodes scholars in residence at Oxford.

Four residences, each to hold about fifty students, are being contracted for at McGill.

Preparations are being made for the erection of a four-story science building by McMaster.

The body of President Harper will be interred in a memorial chapel to be erected on the University campus.

An effort to publish a University Year Book at Queen's has failed, and the senior year in Arts will publish a Faculty Year Book.

Professor Judson, of Political Science, has been made acting President of the University of Chicago since the death of Dr. Harper.

The Cornell Alumni News advocates the fitting up of Barnes Hall as a university club-house, which, it says, has been a long felt want.

At the recent conversazione of the Manitoba College Literary Society promenading was dispensed with and replaced by "simple games."

The McGill Outlook is taking a plebiscite on the question of continuing publication. It appears to be in both financial and editorial difficulties.

Women are to be admitted to be doctors of medicine by the University of Prague, which, however, refuses to admit them as doctors of philosophy.

The Dramatic Club, of Queen's, has presented several scenes from Shakespeare, and is already working on a play for next fall. Grant Hall is being fitted up for theatricals.

The question of conferring some uniform insignia on university debaters, editors of papers and others prominent in non-athletic activities is receiving attention at Pennsylvania.

John D. Rockefeller has just made a further grant to the University of Chicago of \$1,450,000. The interest of \$100,000 is for the widow of President Harper during her lifetime.

Johns Hopkins is proposing to lengthen the undergraduate course in Arts from three to four years. This would permit of a modification of her present strict entrance requirements.

The Manitoba College Journal appears this month in four sections, each contributed to and edited by the members of one year. Friendly rivalry thus promoted has stimulated interest in the paper.

The University of California has undertaken to provide San Francisco and the other bay cities with symphony concerts. The professor of music is to be conductor and the orchestra will be assisted by three hundred university voices.

THE FOREST RANGER

By S. Calais

He was stationed at the Dancing Portage, and was also instructed to patrol the circumambient bush. He didn't patrol it, but as there was nobody within a radius of thirty miles, it didn't matter much. He loafed in his tent, lying on his blankets with his pipe in his mouth, or else he fished for big-mouthed bass, with an automatic air, in the pools below the Dancing Rapids. I have been at the Dancing Rapids once, and the impression they made on me has never faded. As I stood by them, watching the ceaseless chaos of the chutes, with the noise of many waters in my ears, I seemed to be the only person in the world. I don't think, however, that was the feeling Napoleon Proulx had. He rather liked the vicinage of the rapids. In his remote isolation, their noise and activity seemed to reassure him. It was comfortable to wake up at night and hear the rapids roaring away near his tent, and not become conscious of the alive silence of the midnight bush, with its sub-audible noises of twigs cracking, animals moving, trees stirring, which the voice of the rapids drowned. Even during the long spaces of the day, while the sunlight poured itself down in silent floods, the rapids sounded familiar and home-like.

When he left their neighborhood, it was not long before he experienced an undercurrent of uneasiness. On an expedition to some distant part of his limits, to post a fire-bill or investigate unlocated signs of smoke, the low wooded shores of the lakes assumed for him an alien, forbidding, even formidable aspect. Once or twice, when he allowed his thoughts to wander, he came to himself with a start, lest he was losing his way. He had once lost his way in the bush, by allowing his thoughts to wander, and the memory made him panicky.

He very often vainly speculated how near he was to anybody, or how far it was exactly to the end of the steel.

Though he would have been the last to admit it, even to himself, Napoleon Proulx began to entertain a vague unformulated desire to see someone. It showed itself in the increasing frequency with which he imagined for a moment he saw the flash of a paddle or the form of a canoe at the other end of Lost Trail Lake. The canoe usually proved to be a floating log or rampike, or else a rock.

He had deceived himself so often that when he raised his eyes from frying his "cochon" one morning, and saw paddles flashing horizontal a couple of miles down the lake, he rubbed the smoke out of his eyes with his sleeve before he made sure. He did not rise from his half-kneeling, half-squatting posture, however, but went on poking the bits of frizzling bacon in the frying-pan about with his knife. Occasionally he stopped, and looked down the lake over his shoulder, but except for that the appearance of the canoe did not put him about at all.

When the newcomers landed on the portage, Napoleon Proulx was kneeling by the fire baking some squaw-cakes in the frying-pan, and trying with his arms to shield his eyes from the smoke of the fire.

He saw that the strangers were ordinary English bushwhackers, making a forced journey. They were both muscular, bearded men, wearing shapeless felt hats, and attired in the conventional grey shirt, suspended trousers, and oil-tanned moccasins. They stepped out of their tar-seamed birch-bark stifflly and heavily, as if cramped after a long paddle, and began immediately to get their dunnage ready for packing over the portage.

"Good morning," said one of them to Napoleon Proulx.

"B' jou, b' jou," said Napoleon, quickly, from beside his frying pan.

One of the men put the canoe on his head, took a shining axe and a couple of blackened pails in one hand, and started along the portage-trail. The other lingered, adjusting his pack to his back and the tump-strap to his forehead.

"You come Lightning Lake?" asked Napoleon.

"No, we come up by Loon Lake," said the man, looking up, his neck contorted and rigid under his pack.

"You go Fort Rupert?" asked Napoleon, again, with a backward motion of the head.

"No, we go the other route," said the man, beginning to move off. He pronounced "route" as if it were "rout." "Looks like it might rain," he added, stiff-neckedly cocking an eye on the weather.

The next moment he was gone, and Napoleon could see his white pack bobbing in and out among the trees, like an animal with irresponsible motions.



AN ANALOGY

By L. Owen

When the dawn's broke with her low young beam,

And furzy shadows from the grove
Across the frost-laid stubble stream,
With my endless shade I like to rove.

When Hesper sets his evening lamp
And carmined burns the hectic west,
When earth suspires all chill and damp,
With a fainting pulse I sink to rest.

The dawn brought hope, and a heart full o'er
Rushed out to meet the streaming noon;
By eve a slow tide lapped the shore,
Where moaned the gale along the dune;

And as the sunset melted in the sky
My pale life soothed its soul to die.
And as the sun stole round the spheral world
My soul its sails on other seas unfurled.



An incapacitated Med. was recently taking another Med. home with him for the night. As they neared the house the following colloquy might have been heard:

"Shay, I hope Buller like'sh you."

"Who'sh Buller?"

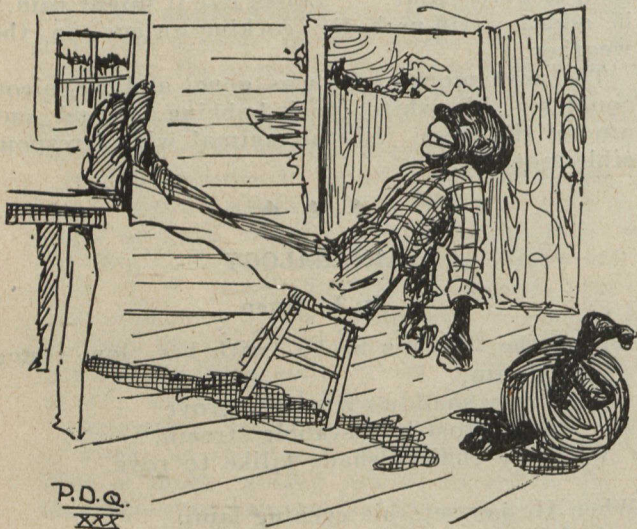
"Buller 'sh our dog."

SOLOMON'S CHAIN STITCH HAIR

By John A. Stiles

"You ask me sah, how I cam' to be so everlastin' bald? Wal, I'll jes' tell you. One day aftah ma even' repast I lay down on ma' couch jes' to take a lil' superficial rest, an' while de golden rays ob de settin' sun was comin' in through de doah I fall asleep. Ma goodness how I sleep an' ma' lil' black piccaninny come fool wid ma hayah, runnin' her tiny fingahs up an' down.

"Now, sah, I admit dat all our hayahs is numbahed, but I mos' firmly conclusionate dat dey is all numbahed one, an' in some folks head dar is only one great long hayah an' dat is put in chain stitch. So was mine exactly an' as ma lil' chile run her hands in ma hayah I declah to gracious if she didn't find numbah one, an' de beginnin' thereof, an' by-an'-by as she pull gently, pull gently, out cam' ma hayah in one long stwing, sah, shuah as you ah alive. When de chile see dat she pull gently some moah, an' when de cool breezes comin' in from de atmosphahric pressah outside make ma head feel cold I wake up. Dar was ma lil' chile all roll up in pop's hayah like a



kitten wid a ball ub yarn, an' habin' de mostest fun. Wal, now I didn't laugh much I guess. Ma first impulse ub de primary moment was to mos' kill dat lil' piccaninny, but ma wife run an' says, "Now, Sol, dar ain't no use you cryin' ovah upset milk. Law sakes, de chile didn't mean no harm. How could she tell youah hayah was chain-stitch? I couldn't listen, I jes' run out to de wash tub an' look in watah to make shuah. Too true; oh, too true, ole Sol was as bald as a watahmelon. I could hab cried.

"So ends ma story, sah. Come to ma domocile an' I'll show you a pin cushion made ub dat hayah an' I'll introduce you to dat piccaninny, de mos' beautiful gal you evah saw."

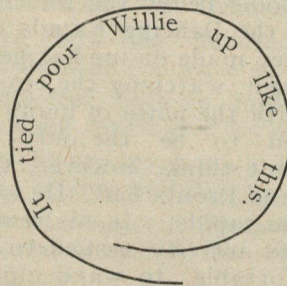


I met a young lady in Bostin
Who read poems written by Austin,
"Do you like them?" said I,
She made the reply,
"I find them so very exhaustin'."
—Notre Dame Scholastic.

THAT BOY WILLIE

With thought to hit a rat one night
Bill seized a stick and aimed to kill
Too late he found 'twas dynamite,
And then it was all up with Bill.

Willie spent his cent on fruit
'Twas far too good a chance to miss
Alas! 'twas green—before he knew 't



Boisterous Willie in his jolly
Fell beneath a moving trolley,
When father saw him lie so still, he
Murmured, "What's come over Willie?"

R. M. M.



DE NOBIS

Proposed preface to second edition of "Some Undergraduate Poems"

They once wrote a book
That was sure to succeed.
By hook or by crook,
They published their book;
But the mob wouldn't look—
Wouldn't take any heed.
They once wrote a book
That was sure to succeed.



ISN'T IT DISGUSTING?

You're standing at the telephone
Talking pleasant nonsense.
Is she hard at work? Is that ring her own,
Or about that dance at Johnston's
'Tis pleasant work enough, I trow,
This talking to a girl you know.

And then you hear a muffled laugh
That tells of twisted wires,
You quickly cut your words in half
And mention red hot fires.
It loses all its fun, I trow,

for a stranger's delectation

This talking to a girl you know

R. M. M.



There is no sadder sight in nature than an
empty tobacco pouch.



What must it be to be beheaded? Hell with a
grave ax—sent.

A VARSITY PRIMER

By Arimem

Who were all those People on the Stairs on Saturday? Oh, they were Guests at a Function. What a Strange Dissimilarity in Clothes! Yes, they were the Answers to a Debate. The Resolution was, "That it is better to be Correctly Dressed from Five to Seven than from Seven to Nine." Those people in Sack Coats are the Affirmative and the others in Evening Dress are the Negative. What were those Fellows in Frock Coats called? They were called Down at first but their name was Mud when they started Dancing. Which side was I on? I was on the Affirmative. Who won? Well, we had the best of it to start off, but I think the Negative Laughed Last.

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That strange looking man? That my child is a Theosophist. What is a Theosophist? A Theosophist is a—a—a Theosophist is a man who is looking for a Religious Sinécure. Does he get it? Not if he happened to be Incarnated in the Vicinity of Toronto University. Why does he not get Back at those people around him? Oh, he believes he will be back on this Earth several times yet. He feels that he can Wait. No, little one, Lazenby did not invent Theosophy.

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Yes, child, that is my Bible. Yes, it is a beautiful Edition. What is that? Oh, Somebody Else's name in the front of It? Yes, some chap wrote that in there one day. What did I let him do that for? Well, you see it was Quite Natural. He did not know I was going to Steal it.

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THE "SCHOOL" DINNER

The Eighteenth School Dinner is a thing of the past, but its place in the ever-ascending scale of success is assured.

Gz—ski said it was the best yet and he ought to know for this was his sixth. It is enough to say that it was held in McConkey's and that if Dr. Pyne had been there he would have revised his views as to the decadence of college dinners. The menu card was a work of art, a tribute to the ability of the School artists.

R—chie as usual was on and gave his souvenir-hunting mania full rein. He is reported to have duplicated his feat at the football dinner and carried off a load of silver concealed about his capacious person.

The toast list was a distinct success. The speeches were short and not altogether serious in their tone. The list of speakers was a distinguished one and despite the revelry and mirth, the speakers were heard with interest and attention.

A member of the Provincial Cabinet was present, Hon. Mr. Matheson, and he replied to the toast to "Canada and the Empire." Mr. W. K. McNaught, "our member," replied for the Legislature, and Vice-Chancellor Moss for the University. The Vice-Chancellor expressed his hope and belief that the cordial relations existing between the School and the Uni-

versity would be maintained and even enhanced.

Principal Galbraith, in speaking to the toast to "The Faculty of Applied Science," became quite confidential, and brought a gleam of hope to many a backward student by telling how hard it was to get plucked at the "School."

Altogether the dinner, notwithstanding the somewhat late date, was an unqualified success. T. R. Loudon, President of the Engineering Society, was a most efficient Chairman. Great credit is due to the executive of the Engineering Society, who acted as the Dinner Committee, for the way in which they managed this function.

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DOUBT

"There lives more faith," the Poet said,
In honest doubt, than half the creeds."
But how can doubt, of Knowledge bred,
Supply the great world's crying needs?

He does not doubt, who blindly cries,
"I do not know, I cannot see,"
For in such darkness Knowledge dies
And strangled Truth's no longer free.

But he who on his way discerns
A distant ray gleam thro' the night
Nor deviates, nor backward turns,
But presses onward toward the light,

Till to his vision there is born
For which he travelled from afar,
Expectant of the nearing morn,
Faith's ever-blessed morning star.

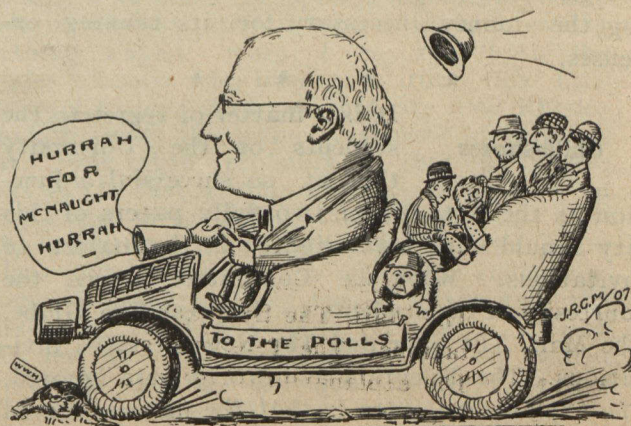
'Tis he alone can speak of doubt
Who sees Truth's star tho' e'er so dim,
—'Tis it that makes the world about
A void and blackness unto him.

So wise men travel to the Truth;
But also blest are they who hear,
E'en on the darkened hills forsooth,
The loud, clear call upon the ear.

They gifts of honor do not bear,
Nor spread their treasures at the shrine,
But all their sorrow, toil, and care
Have vanished in the Song Divine.

Norman A. McEachern.

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Proposed Students' Club House

In connection with the proposed purchase of the Technical School for a students' club house, it is said that the University trustees at present have not the power to collect a fee from the students for its maintenance. It is said that the Legislature would not give them this power, nor would they either endow the Students' Club or vote an annual grant for its maintenance, because it would be called a luxury and not a public utility. But the Legislature has granted a large sum of money for the University Residence, which though desirable is just as much a luxury as a Students' Club would be. If another case needs to be cited, the trustees several years ago granted material financial aid to a private society of students in helping them to erect a dwelling for themselves. Was this a public utility?

If the students, by presenting a petition or otherwise, show the Legislature that they want the Technical School and are willing to be taxed for its maintenance, we have no reason to believe that the Government would be less liberal in this case than they have shown themselves to be in others.

If the students could raise fifty thousand dollars (of which two thousand are already promised) for the purchase of the Technical School, the University authorities could scarcely refuse the gift, and they would soon find ways of raising the money necessary for its running expenses.

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Childishness

It is a matter of regret to the students of the University that at so successful a function as the Arts dinner two daily papers of this city should have been slighted in the matter of invitations. When the Committee issued the courtesies of the students to the press, The Globe, The Mail, The Star and The News received invitations. The Telegram and World were ignored. The explanation given is that the finances would not permit of two more dinners being given

away. Surely this is childishness. In the case of The Telegram there is another and an even less creditable reason. The Chairman of the Committee has announced that The Telegram would have been ignored under any circumstances. Is this noblesse oblige? Is this honorable treatment of an enemy? It is not. From our point of view it is akin to nothing more than to the well-remembered method of the spoiled child in our town who took it upon himself to say who should play ball because he owned the only bat in the vicinity. When bats became a common commodity that boy died of ennui.

The sooner Mr. W. F. Maclean, M.P., and Mr. John Ross Robertson are assured that the slight offered them is not the work of the student body but only of a very little part the better for the fair name of the University.

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One of the Nova Scotia college journals has been running a series of alleged true ghost stories, and the U.N.B. Journal in its last issue cites similar cases and tries to explain them on the hypothesis of the subjective mind and its power to project thought forms. A few years ago it would have taken a hold editor of a college journal to admit that he believed in "spooks," but now our U.N.B. brother in arms only follows Sir Wm. Crookes, Sir Oliver Lodge and the many brilliant scientists who are members of the Society for Psychical Research. The editor lately tried three times unsuccessfully to get T. J. Hudson's "Law of Psychic Phenomena" from the Public Library; this shows the great interest which is taken in this subject.

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Let Us Do Something

Surely this year the energy so lavishly expended in the annual joke-fest of University College will be turned toward the solution of some of the real student problems. The one that seems most likely to be handled is the vexed question of discipline. Student control is a live issue and a big issue—big enough to demand the earnest consideration of every student. Let the party leaders turn their campaign agonies to some purpose, go into the proposition thoroughly, present their solutions of the problem and go to the polls on the strength of what they have to offer. Is this not immensely preferable to producing some half-hearted underdone scheme next fall and muddling it thoughtlessly through to be an eyesore to succeeding generations of students? Why not Oslerize this hoary-headed blurt about corruption and mismanagement. If we are liars and crooks and thieves, as some of the campaign talk would intimate, let us forget it for a short time and get down to business.

A Time to Act The Faculty of University College are apparently quite ready and willing to give the undergraduates self-control, and ever since the question was first mooted, the students have expressed themselves as eager to have such self-government. Now is the time to act. At the meeting of the Lit. to-morrow night, a vote will be taken as to the advisability of the scheme. This carried, the committee appointed to consider ways and means will report. If the undergraduates are sincere in their desire for self-control, they may now gain it, by a united effort, which should be evidenced by a crowded attendance.

Some Heresies The phrase, "esprit de corps," has been so declaimed upon by college orators, so written about by college journalists and so instilled by college organizers that perhaps it is almost time to consider what it really means. I take it that the phrase represents an attitude to one's college equivalent to loyalty to one's king or patriotism to one's country. What then is the basis for these feelings? What creates these sentiments? In the primitive fighting organizations such as the wolf-pack or the savage tribe one can imagine esprit de corps to be essential to safety and self-preservation,—

"For the strength of the pack is the wolf,
And the strength of the wolf is the pack."

And this is true of states to-day; patriotism and national feeling are the spiritual forces upon which armies and navies depend. A willingness of the individual to sacrifice himself for the good of the state.

Now just how applicable is this to a university? The purpose of such an organization is broadly speaking to develop her students and discover truth. How then can her students be called upon to sacrifice themselves to her? The only logical inference is in searching for truth. It will be far from our purpose to decry societies for good fellowship, athletics or other purposes. Rather would we emphasize their importance which, however, arises on account of benefit not to the University but to the student, in developing his social, physical, and mental agility. Loyalty to our Alma Mater depends upon advancing her interests. Esprit de corps in the higher sense is the love of learning.



AT THE SIGN OF THE GOWN

As The Stroller was strolling in the rotunda of University College the other day, after a long spell in the Library, he was shocked to see on the bulletin boards a notice that ran somewhat as follows:

"Principal Horace Mutton requests the following gentlemen to see him in his room at their earliest convenience:

"Mr. Groe Jay,
"Mr. Hyllie Wart,
"Mr. Merald Gegan,
"Mr. Scugh Dully,
"Mr. Frarlie Cheeman,
"Mr. Blohn Jew,
"Mr. Dob Buncanson,
"Etc., etc."

This notice aroused a train of cogitations in the mind of The Stroller, as he gazed at it through his Cudmorean spectacles. It was evident that these gentlemen had been sloping lectures, neglecting work, misusing their time in general, and were therefore summoned to appear on the tapis. It was remarkable that their names were all the names of reverend and haughty seniors. Some of them in their misguided freshman days had even been known as plugs, diligent "reading men." Now in their intemperate old age they had swung to the other extreme, and were openly branded on the bulletin boards as vauriens and wasters.

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It is a melancholy fact, but it is true, that nearly every undergraduate in his senior year lives on the reputation he has made and the work he has done in the previous years. If statistics were procurable, it would not improbably be found that the seniors in University College—I cannot speak of other colleges—do less work per head than the students of any other year. The great part of the executive work in the many organizations and activities of University life always falls to the seniors. Very few realize how much work is entailed on one even in looking after a departmental society. As for the editing of The Year Book and The Varsity, the management of the Lit., the arranging for the dances, receptions, dinners, etc., that deluge the calendar, the work that is incident on these things is enormous. Nearly all this work falls on the shoulders of the seniors. Is it any wonder that the men of the fourth year should, with a few rare and enviable exceptions, be known for lecture-slopers and academic ne'er-do-weels?

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How often one sees a brilliant student, who has held first place throughout his course, drop down in his last year! I hope I am not saying anything unjust, when I say that both the Rhodes scholars who have gone from this University did this. And yet they are now Rhodes scholars, with the princely stipend of \$1,500 a year. The truth probably is that what one gains in the last year in executive education in the practice of managing affairs about the College, in editing the college paper or running a college club, one loses in academic education. From the standpoint of the professor and the class-room, the last year is very often a lost year; but from the standpoint of the big world into which you and I have got to jump, it is very often the most fruitful year of the four.

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STUDENT SELF-GOVERNMENT

By May Pitkin Wallace

Although I have not been fortunate enough to be actively associated with any institution where student self-government was in successful operation, my experience as student and teacher in women's dormitories has inclined me to believe that such a form of government is more rational and more surely productive of good results than that in which the teachers or the head of the house have all regulations under their own control.

In the latter case the majority of the students make no effort to understand the problems out of which the regulations have grown. They are too likely to regard all rules as necessary evils instituted and executed by those who have at heart not student welfare primarily, but a certain ideal of orderly living impossible of attainment, which is often inconvenient and annoying to the members of the household, and which is consequently disregarded, or what is more to be deplored, circumvented, when student impulse and house regulation come into conflict. The natural result of such an attitude of mind is that the students remain in ignorance of the difficulties inherent in the situation when a large number of people, bound together by no ties except a somewhat visionary desire for self-improvement, are brought together under the same roof. Instead of putting away childish things when they have arrived at an age where they have a serious purpose in life as evidenced by their coming to the University, they are likely to retain the school-girl attitude toward dormitory regulations, and to have a more or less prejudiced estimate of college problems in general, and of the wisdom of those in authority over them, in particular.

Under student self-government, on the other hand, a knowledge of the problems which make some regulations necessary wherever people live together in groups, especially where the individuals who make up the groups are young in years and in experience, not only develops a sense of responsibility, power of imitation, and maturity of judgment in the student body as a whole, but it helps to develop also a spirit of co-operation and sympathetic understanding between the girls and those in authority over them. One of the strongest arguments in favor of dormitory living as compared with any other

plan for the housing of students, is the fact that it offers unusual opportunities for the development of the social conscience. A girl who is not disturbed by noise herself is unwilling to inconvenience her next door neighbor if she realizes what is the result of her own thoughtless mirth; under the ordinary régime the individual student is too likely to consider only her own welfare, but when the question as to what conduces most surely to the good of the whole is brought before the house, there are very few who will not set aside their own personal inclination to play or to study when they are convinced that by so doing they will make it impossible for others to work or to sleep.

The question is much too complex and too difficult to be adequately considered in a short article: the ideas which have been advanced here barely touch upon one or two phases of the problem. A consideration which may appeal more strongly to the philosophically minded than these very practical considerations, is the general one, that self-government, in some measure at any rate, is more democratic, more productive of a legitimate independence of thought and action, more in accordance with ideals of good citizenship outside of college halls, than is the other system.

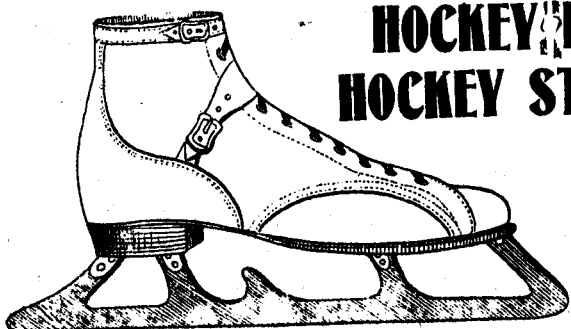
It may be true that self-government cannot be super-imposed upon students in whom the desire for it has not sprung up, but given a conviction that the experiment is worth trying, and a willingness to consider first and foremost the well-being of the whole house even at a considerable sacrifice of individual comfort and convenience if necessary, and the experiment ought to be successful. It has been eminently successful in many of the best institutions in the United States—in colleges and universities, and even in secondary schools. Where it has failed the primary cause has been a lack of that seriousness of purpose which makes it possible to persist in a difficult undertaking after the first flush of enthusiasm has worn off.



SATURDAY NIGHT

To-morrow will be Sunday, once again
 We'll meet to sing and pray and chant amen;
 But, as this short week closes, I would say
 A little prayer of thanks for Saturday.
 For work that's done, for tasks completed quite,
 For all the sunshine's brightness, and to-night
 For this still hour of quiet thought for me
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The 1906 Lit. reception is a thing of the past, and if numbers be any criterion the innovation of the afternoon dance was decidedly successful, almost too successful, in fact.

Mrs. Fletcher and the President, Miss Macdonald, received in the East Hall, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hume, and Miss Salter also being present. The Ladies' Reading Room was transformed into a very cozy place for "sitting-out;" in the West Hall refreshments were served.

A vocal solo by Miss Love, '05, and a piano solo by Miss Steele, '07, constituted the musical part of the programme, the rest of the allotted time being devoted to the dancing. The floor was good, the music excellent, and most of the company were loath to depart at the appointed hour. A piano extra or two were secured, until the guests were overawed by the arrival of the beadle, whose "masterful ways" soon cleared the hall.

Despite, or perhaps because of, her thorough enjoyment of the afternoon, the senior could not but feel a little thrill of sadness as she realized that this was "the last dance." With the coming of Lent, as a rule, the conscience-smitten begin to take a more serious view of matters academic, but through the coming weeks (there are only nine before exams.) the Lit. dance will be one of the pleasantest memories to cheer our weary way.



PERSONALITY

The personality of the college girl determines her real success, and her happiness along life's journey. We are conscious of personality as a force which attracts or repels, and always influences us. In the moral sphere, it means self-determination, or reason directed will, which is the basis of moral responsibility. The consciously realized unity and identity of the individual constitutes what is most distinctive of personality. The mystical union of the psychical and the physical, which radiates the pulsing life, conveys to us the relative importance of the mental, moral and physical forces which form the identity of the individual. The college girl should strive to develop her salient characteristics, in order that she may become an independent thinker, ready to give her opinion on the thought of the day with the clearness and decision which the discipline and concentration of college life has taught her; so that when the winsome girl leaves the college halls behind, she may feel fully equipped for the responsibilities of womanhood.

H. G.



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The Eavesdropper

In our last number it was stated that G. A. I.— had spent only ten cents on girls in the last year. He asks us to retract this statement, which we cheerfully do. Mr. I.— has not spent ten cents on girls during the last year.

G. L. (orating at the oratory contest)—Our imagination will be with us till we die—a pleasant prospect.

J. Robertson, '09 (same place, same crime)—In speaking of those angels the ladies we do not need to mention them.

While G. L. was orating upon imagination, a lady sitting near us yawned to an alarming width, and asked: "Why can't he imagine he is finished?"

Bob. Duncanson (at Richard III.)—Where does the play open?

Mac.—In England.

Bob. D.—Where is this scene laid?

Mac.—On the way to Chertsey.

Bob.—Oh, yes; on the way to church eh?

J. J. G.—Not until the Unionist party comes into power will this become truly a free college.

S. C. D.—Hear! Hear! A freak college.

The Oratorical Contest

At the meeting of the "Lit" on Friday night no business was transacted, but several orators struggled wordily for the oratory medal. G. Little made an excellent speech on "Imagination," and, after the last vapors of George's fancy had been dispelled by a vocal solo, J. Blue held fast the attention of the audience while he expounded "Some Considerations of Empire." J. Robinson's portrayal of "Freshman Charac-

teristics" was characteristically freshmanly. O. Bowles, '07, after getting away to a bad start, rode his hobby, "The Relation of the Student to the Senate," well to the fore. The other speakers were: Hornby, '09, on "The Abolition of War;" Hauch, '07, on "John Milton;" and Gibson, '06, on "The Ethical Value of True Ideals." The judges, after some consideration, arrived at the same opinion as the audience, and awarded the medal to John Blue, who received with cheerful magnanimity the congratulations of his defeated rivals.

Wherry, Dunham and She

Friday evening the Arts men attended the Princess to see Richard Mansfield omit all but himself from King Richard the Third. A girl of some summers sat in the middle of the rush seats. Wherry and Dunham swiftly descended and sat one on each side of her. Wherry struck up a conversation consisting chiefly of com-mo-dious smiles. In the intervals of the smiles Dunham would interject a remark. Wherry offered her his opera glasses, and Dunham, not to be out-done, gave her his programme, as he was done with it. Then the fair one became talkative. Her humorous sallies convulsed the amorous swains with laughter. So funny were her remarks that Wherry ejaculated:

"Was ever woman in this humor woo'ed?"

And Dunham rejoined:

"Was ever woman in this humor won?"

These words were spoken aloud, and re-echoed from the stage, so that people in the pit were deceived into thinking that Mansfield had actually repeated two consecutive lines from Shakespeare.

Dunham said: "Do you like Wherry?"

Said she:

"I never knew

A sweeter and a lovelier gentleman Framed in the prodigality of nature."

Said Dunham: "See Wherry smiling at you."

Said she:

"I think there's never a man in Christendom

Can lesser hide his love than he, For by his face straight shall you know his heart."

After she had talked to Wherry for five minutes, Dunham sighed and said:

"I have not that alacrity of spirit Nor cheer of mind that I was wont to have.

I shall despair. There is no creature loves me."

Then Dunham said: "Bob, we had better cut this out. All the boys are giving us."

Then said the lady:

"High-reaching Dunham doth grow circumspect.

I fear our happiness is at the height."

Said Bob: "Shall we dine at the King Edward?"

Said she: "Send for some strawberries."

But both Wherry and Dunham slipped out with the boys, and the lady was heard to sadly sigh:

"I am myself ALONE."

From "The Pharos", a little magazine published by the students of New Westminster High School we learn that Mr. Leon Ladner has presented their library with a copy of "Some Undergraduate Poems" edited by Thorleif Larsen, first editor of "The Pharos." They say that the book contains some poems of "real literary merit." The naïveté of this review appeals to us very much.

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The Students' Parliament

The last meeting of the Students' Parliament for the present academic year was held on Monday evening. Owing to some misunderstanding, the Gymnasium was not opened, and proceedings were opened in a class-room of Wycliffe College.

The Government introduced a Bill which proposed to change the system upon which the Parliament is now based. The supporters of the Bill claimed that the Parliament as at present constituted was not capable of dealing effectively with University problems. The Government's proposal was to make the Parliament a representative body rather than a society consisting of the whole student body of the University. Each Faculty and College of the University would have the right to send a certain percentage of its enrolled students as representatives.

During the discussion which followed the introduction of the Bill, the Opposition based their main arguments upon the fact that the original intention of the promoters of the Students' Parliament was that it should be a meeting-ground for all the students of the University, and that a Parliament constituted as the Bill proposed might exclude many who wished to develop their powers of public speech and debate.

The weight of the argument seemed, however, to have been developed by the Government, that a composite body of representative men, who understand the situation in their respective colleges, would be of utmost value, and would, no doubt, develop into an organization which would express student thought on political as well as educational matters.

The Bill was supported by a considerable majority of the House, and will be brought up for its final reading at the first session of the Parliament in October.

Coming Events

Thursday, March 1st.

Assault-at-arms, in the Gymnasium Building.

Princess—"Little Johnny Jones."

Grand—Al. Wilson, in "The German Gypsy."

Shea's—Vaudeville, 2 and 8 p. m.

Saturday, March 3rd.

In Conservatory Music Hall, at 8.15 p. m.—Miss Lena Adamson, violinist; Miss Eugénie Quéhan, pianist; Miss Lois Winlow, cellist; assisted by Mr. Robert Pigott, baritone.

Sunday, March 4th.

The University sermon, in Wycliffe Convocation Hall, at 11 a. m. Preacher—Rev. Hugh Pedley.

Thursday, March 8th.

Mathematical and Physical Society meets in Room 16 at 4 p. m.

Natural Science Association meets in Biological Building at 4.30 p. m.

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 sor of Physiology, was made a Fel-
 low of the Royal Society of England.
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 the scientific world. Prof. McCallum
 is to be congratulated on the honor
 which he has brought to the Univers-
 ity.

On Friday evening, at 4.30, D.
 Bruce, F.R.C.S., delivered a lecture
 on "Medical Ethics" before five hun-
 dred med., at an open meeting of the
 Medical Society. Vocal solos were
 given by F. Rontlev, '07, and W. G.
 Shepherd, '08, and a violin solo by
 W. E. Tindale. The meeting was
 very successful, as is always the case
 when the programme provided is
 really excellent.

Prof. Gordon delivered a splendid
 address to the Medical Y. M. C. A.
 last Wednesday afternoon.

McFadden, '07, and Kendrick, '06,
 are both making satisfactory recovery
 from recent illness.

One of the features of the Medical
 Society meeting on Friday was the
 Ball-headed Row.

Soph.—Why do they call that fellow
 Soda?
 '07 Man—Because he is so efferves-
 cent.

The third year dance on Feb. 22nd
 was a pronounced success. About
 one hundred attended, and all spent a
 very enjoyable evening.

Faculty of Applied Science

Percy Near is not going to fast
 during Lent. He is going to remove
 his moustache. This is indeed a sacri-
 fice of the world, the flesh, and the
 devil, to the spirit of the occasion.

Into Iony B.'s lecture went Rannie
 so bold,
 A maid on each arm, who ne'er loos-
 ened her hold.
 When next you can't a lecture stand
 Without a girl to hold your hand,
 Be sure, I pray, my little Rannie,
 Be sure next time to bring your
 granny.

We congratulate our friends, C. T.
 Hamilton and our third year rep. on
 their recent move into the Society of
 Benedicts. Were it not for the fact
 that Varsity charges for matrimonial
 notices further particulars would be
 given.

There is a report that a small depu-
 tation from the third year visited the
 waterworks test on Friday afternoon.
 We have heard various tales about
 their adventures, but further details
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The men of Wycliffe have heard with regret that Dr. Cody has definitely decided not to accept the Principalship of the College, feeling that he could not with justice give up his work at St. Paul's.

H. R. Trunpour, M.A., has been appointed Headmaster of Rothesay College, New Brunswick, and will enter upon his duties there next September. He was formerly classical master at the same college before he came to Wycliffe to study theology. His recall and promotion betokens an appreciation of his ability in which we all concur.

Garnet McKee, B.A., formerly a good fellow in these halls, but since graduation from Varsity consulting chemist for the Detroit Gas Works, visited us on Sunday while on the way to Fort William to claim his bride, Miss Lulu Bridgman. We offer our hearty congratulations and best wishes.

Messrs. Collier, Vale, Burch and Gibson departed from among us for a short time to attend the Nashville convention.

Howard has of late carried about a sty in his eye, but these Englishmen are proverbially pig-headed.

Knox College

At the oratory contest on Friday evening, Mr. Ray WanWyck, B.A., was adjudged the winner. Mr. D. W. Christy, B.A., and Mr. G. P. Bryce, B.A., also made excellent speeches. Rev. Dr. Pidgeon, the chairman, remarked that it was the closest contest he had known, and that all the orations were of a very high order of merit. The judges were Dr. Eakin, Dr. Crummer and Dr. Tracy.

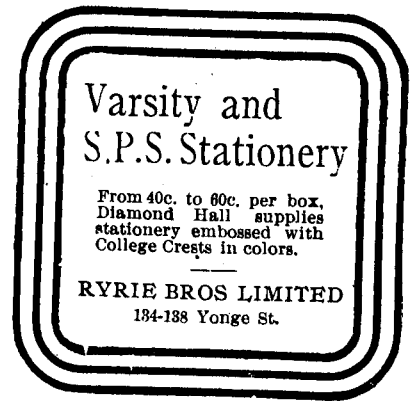
For the Presidency of the "Lit" for next year are nominated: Jas. Paulin, J. C. Ross and P. B. Thornton. For the other offices, everyone else, with the sole exception of Jack McRae, has been nominated. He is critic by acclamation.

Mr. Harry Allen has been obliged to give up his work for some time, owing to illness.

The Knox delegates to the Nashville convention are as follows: Messrs. McTaggart, Parkinson and Robinson, of the third year; Messrs. J. McRae and D. A. McKay, of the second year; and Messrs. A. M. Dallas, Stewart, Love, W. D. McDonald, D. A. McDonald and Gordon, of the first year. Messrs. H. M. Paulin and H. Pickup will represent the incoming first year.

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