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#### AGNES SORMA AS "NORA."

A Comparison of the German and American Character as Illustrated by Their Attitude to the Theatre.

THE opportunity that New York theatre-goers have had within the last few weeks of comparing a German with an

English production of "Hamlet," has given rise to widely diverging views which the more moderate metropolitan cities are still trying to harmonize. In the meantime there seems to be no doubt that a well-marked difference exists between the acting and stage tradition of the two nationalities. That this was the case I had a strong impression, and it is only of passing personal impressions that I venture to speak as yet, when some months ago I saw Goethe's Faust performed in the Leipzig Neues Theatre. This was certainly quite different from the representation that English-speaking audiences are accustomed to, which, although it displays so well the sardonic genius of Sir Henry Irving, has a certain objectionable pyrotechnic quality and shows the effect of severe compression in a faulty foreshortening. Goethe's Faust, which demands ten hours for its performance, recalls the fact that the poet's boyish love for the puppet-show was a factor in the development of his dramatic tale. One finds here a certain naivete, such scenes as the representation of the Court of Heaven do not offend, because the imagination is prepared to make large concessions and there is little attempt wholly to conceal art. This frankness can claim a large measure of justification, for an illusion if really complete might cease to yield pleasure as art, that is, a play that exactly represented nature would afford aesthetic enjoyment only to those whose general intuitive is such that nature itself has for them an art value, and for whom, therefore, human art is in a sense superfluous.

The difference between the English and German stage was very present in my mind when recently in the Leipzig Schauspielhaus I heard the famous Agnes Sorma in the leading role of Ibsen's "Nora oder ein Puppenheim," the "Doll's House," as we call it. The acting was excellent, but at first startling. In reply to an acquaintaince I fell back on the conventional "grossartig," which, like its English equivalent "awfully good," permits a degree of mental reservation. In her joyous moods there was a deficiency of poise, which served well to show how ill Nora's tinselled environment suited her expanding northern nature, and the passage in which she is referred to as a "squirrel" or a "lark" were not lacking the requisite touch of dramatic irony. A glance from the stage to the boxes might recall the history of those English days when the nobles listened

to her "Highnesse Servants." In this and in many other superficial respects, as I might incidentally remark, the strenuous Germany of to-day suggests comparison with Tudor England, a comparison from which an alarmist might draw the warning that Britons should not rely too exclusively on their past achievements, wealth, world-wide possessions and invincible armada, in the face of this progressive and splendidly organized nation. Perhaps it is because Germany is in her Elizabethan period and filled with thoughts of enterprise and hopes of political expansion that the interest of Germans is so great in The drama is the toy of those who are armed the playhouse. for battle. This interest is not so keen in France, although the German actors are characterized by less subtlety of refinement than the French. The strong national consciousness of the German stage contributed, along with the divergent style of dramatic portrayl, to the unfavorable impression of Sarah Bernhardt's recent visit to Berlin. The Kaiser's subjects find it hard to forgive her Jewish Frankfurt descent. Frau Agnes Sorma would probably not produce a more favorable impression in Paris, but that would be owing to the French histrionic taste, under the influence of national stage traditions, counterbalancing a broader cosmopolitanism.

As I listened to her truly impressive rendering of Ibsen's drama, I remembered a night at the Toronto Princess Theatre when the "Doll's House" was played before a highly intelligent, but somewhat mystified, audience, doing its best to be patiently sympathetic and hopeful until the playwright should develop his idea in the longed-for The actress was exquisite enough for any delithird act. cate setting, but the acting was all in neutral tints and the whole performance lacked grappling power. Nothing of this lack of tone was felt in the Leipzig production, at least when Agnes Sorma was on the stage ; not a weak scene or line ! All was enlightened by a kindling emotion : the frolic with the children, the dressing of the Christmas tree-which had a special value here, where, in December, the squares are converted into Bavarian spruce and balsam forests which provide every home with its " Christbaum "--- the scenes with Frau Linden, where the rapidly-changing and well-shaded-emotional expression recalled Ada Rehan's Viola, and, to mention one more, the gruesome scene with Rank. The interest in the audience never flagged. The well-wined cherubim that sat behind me,

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and the motherly person that stood in front, followed every movement and intonation with the closest attention, as did my other neighbors. When, in the last scene, Helmer stood at the door of his timorous dove and said, "O, du kennst die Natur eines wahren echten Mannes nicht, Nora. Es liegt fuer den Mann etwas so unbeschreiblich Suesses und Beruhigendes darin, zu fuehlen, dass er seiner Frau vergeben hat," a young lady in our row of the balcony yelled at him (as though she were at a hockey match) and then joined heartily in the suppressed laughter at her expense. When the metamorphosed dove appeared on the stage, I felt with the sportive King Francis that a place in the gallery is sometimes better than one in the pit, and when she said to her spouse, "Setz' dich," I experienced the blessed sense of security of the philosopher who could contemplate as from a watch-tower the contentions below.

I sought to explain part of this keenness of interest on the ground that domestic tyranny is commoner here than in America, on the part of the man; that in Germany the woman is reduced to deception and "Heuchelei" in a mad endeavor to maintain the peace. I was informed, however, by men of my acquaintance, that this was only another outlandish hypothesis : the play is disliked here, and probably depicts the marital conditions in Sweden. Perhaps, after all, no special explanation is called for, as a play or opera that produces a warm appreciation here, may, quite apart from the excellence of the performance, leave an Ontario audience quite cold, and this in spite of our generous applause and generous patronage. The payment of five dollars does not insure one full enjoyment of a complex Wagnerian opera, though it may help. Long education of the public taste is necessary, abundant opportunity to hear the masters, before classical music becomes popular music. As the psychologist would say, the apperception-masses must be in a state of preparedness to deal with the proffered sensations. Here is a pedagogical principle of the widest application. The really desirable acquisitions are those that grow with the growing years. The gentlemen whose linguistic accomplishments I envy are those who have spoken three or more languages from earliest childhood and "don't remember ever having learned them." In the life of a German student, work and play go hand-in-hand as a means to culture. It seems to me that when we, in Ontario, have learned what are the essentials in education, we shall be able to greatly simplify our excellent school system, conserve and direct the energies of our youth, and so utilize amusement in the cause of progress as to gain the cooperation in our gayest hours of the enlightened and religious part of the population ; that is, those who have most earnestly at heart the interests of the coming race.

WALTER LIBBY.

#### CLASS MEETINGS.

The class of '03 Arts held a meeting on Friday afternoon to discuss the Convocation Hall scheme. A motion for reconsideration of this question was introduced and opened up a general discussion. Professors Wrong, McLennan and Young, spoke strongly in support of the plans which had been taken up by the Alumni Association. The desirability of getting this scheme out of the way before going on with a residence was dwelt upon by all the speakers.

A number of undergraduates then spoke to the motion. The feeling of the meeting was strongly in favor of giving the Alumni Association the support of the class. A motion was passed that a committee of two be appointed to receive subscriptions from members of the class and hand over the sum to the Alumni Association as the class subscription to the Convocation Hall fund. Messrs. Day and Darling were appointed as this committee. A resolution was also passed expressing the feeling of the class that no building be erected at a smaller cost than one hundred thousand dollars. The secretary was directed to forward copies of these motions and resolutions to the Alumni Association.

#### MEDICAL SOCIETY AT HOME.

THE University of Toronto Medical Society was At Home on Friday evening in the Normal School Building and, despite the most unpleasant weather, the attendance just fell short of being so large as to cause an uncomfortable crush.

The guests were received in the main hall by the officers of the Society and were entertained by a programme in two parts, the first of which was given in the Assembly Room with the President, Mr. G. Ewart Wilson, in the chair. The musical numbers included a violin solo by Dr. Wagner and a piano solo by Miss Eleanor Kennedy, both of whom were recalled, and two songs by Mr. Arthur Blight. For his second number Mr. Blight sang "The Death of Nelson" by special request and generously responded to the recall given him. Miss Ethel Scholfield recited two compositions of Mr. J. W. Bengough with a skill that so won the admiration of her audience that she was recalled after each appearance.

The principal item in this part was a lecture on Palmistry by Professor Primrose. This was a satirical review of that popular pseudoscience illustrated by photographs and diagrams of the human palm and those of the anthropoid apes thrown upon a screen from a lantern placed at the back of the hall. The reading of the character of an orang-outang who came to an untimely end while travelling through Toronto with a circus company and so fell into the hands of Dr. Primrose, was a most amusing application of the palmist's art.

In the absence of Professor Reeve, Dean of the Faculty, at the dinner of the University Alumni Association of Waterloo, at Berlin, Professor McPhedran gave a brief address assuring the audience that there would be room enough in the new building for the next meeting of the kind and alluding most hopefully to the proposed University Residence.

The second part of the programme was a series of ten promenades. The music was good and there were no empty cards, so that the end came before any one dreamed of its being after one o'clock in the morning.

The whole affair was an unqualified success and every praise is due to the executive committee for the completeness of the arrangements and the excellent manner in which they were carried out. The support given by the Professoriate and the presence of so many of its members were very encouraging to those in charge and to the members as a whole.

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

The City Mission Committee has had a particularly busy week. On Wednesday night the "Conquerors Club" were entertained at a banquet, which was attended by ten Varsity men; and on Friday evening Mr. E. F. Burton, B.A., gave an illustrated talk to the "Men of To-morrow" Club, at the Broadview Boys' Institute. There were one hundered and twenty-five boys in attendance.

Rev. James L. Gordon, the popular pastor of the Bond street Congregational Church, will address this week's meeting on the subject of "Backbone." This is Mr. Gordon's first visit to the Y.M.C.A., and it is hoped that a large number will attend the meeting.

#### 1905.

A meeting of the second year was held on Friday afternoon in the Students' Union. There was a splendid attendance of members of the year, who listened with great attention and interest to Professors McLennan, Young and Wrong. The Convocation Hall scheme was very clearly put before the year by these gentlemen, and the class, after a good discussion, promised its hearty support to the enterprise. Other year business was discussed, and not the least important part was an excellent musical programme provided by Misses Powell, Newman and Hamilton and Messrs. Bilkey and Lucas. "CO you have got graduated, and come home to rest awhile

after all your larnin', have you? My sakes ! but you've got to be sich a great young lady I'd hardly a knowed you to be the same little gal, knee-high to a grasshopper, who I used to take a fishin'. Not too big to go a fishin' with old Sile Well come on then, we'd best be a startin'. yet? Yesedication is a great thing-where's that can of worms-can you steer any better'n you used ? Now, were off-better fishin' further down stream. Yes, as I was saying, edication is a great thing. They didn't used to do so much of it in my day as they do now. I remember we used to all think Jake Young was crazy cause he would spend his share on larnin'. Poor Jake ! 'Taint many would die just cause they couldn't have all the larnin' they wanted. How? Yes, die. How? Well, it's a long yarn, but you allus was a good listener.

"You see, old man Young died and left his farm to his two eldest sons. The little money he had, he left to Jake cause he was the youngest, and he was lame and couldn't work hard. Nobody liked any of the Youngses. They were a surly, crossgrained lot, but I never thought Jake was half bad. The other two hated him cause he allus would go to school. Nothin' couldn't never keep him home and he allus knowed his lessons, 'ceptin' his figures. Jake could not larn figures. No use talkin', they staggered him. None of us cared to go anywhere after we got too big to go to the village school. But Jake, someways or other, he managed by walkin' five miles each way every day to go to town school. To this day I do not know how he done it. This riled his two brothers, who wanted Jake to put his money in machinery and sich. But no, Jake he was stubborn and larn he would. Anyways he got so far as he could try some exam. so's he could go down to Toronto to college. Well, he wrote on that thar exam. four times. Figures knocked him out every time. Latin and Greek and sich he larned quicker'n wink—my, it was grand to hear him talk them ! How well I member the last time he wrote ! We was threshin' down at Higginses. From where I was I could see the road, where the mail wagon would go down to the village with the papers. We all knowed Jake would find out if he could go to Toronto if his name was in print. I never liked his brothers but I hated them that day. It was so hot, simply scorching. Jake was pretendin' to work but I could see he was getting narvous. Finally we heard wheels, I seen it was the mail and nodded to Jake who dropped his fork and louped off-he had such a funny hoppityskip —across the field. In half an hour he came back. I just looked once at him. He allus was terrible ugly. I never yet can think of him without thinkin' of our old nut crackers at the same time. I don't know why. His forehead came away out and his chin went away in. But he did look terrible, He let his under lip hang down and his eyes-just like a horse when you're flxin' its sprained leg. I couldn't a bear to say a word. I knowed he had failed agin. Jake picked up his fork and stared hard at nuthin'. Then one of his brothers sez mean like ' Well, supposed you figured it out all right this time?' With that somethin' in Jake seemed to give way. I knowed then he would never try agin, cause he didn't say like he said before 'Boys, I knowed I mixed that x and y'-whatever they may be. He simply throwed himself face downwards in the straw and sobbed and sobbed like a child. His whole crooked back seemed to twist and turn as he lay there. If one of his brothers had a said anythin' then I would a pitched into them. Somehow I would a give my new gun to a been able to said somethin' cheery like, but it seemed like when Rachel in the Bible criedno one could comfort him. So by-and by supper was ready and when I sneaked in some bread afterwards I could not find Jake. No, he never tried again. Next I heard he was givin' a lecture on 'Matrimony.' Lectures was great treats so the little old dull hall was jammed full. We all cheered when Jake louped up on the platform. Oh, I guess it was all right ! He allus was daft on Latin and knew more about it than matrimony. Never

had a girl in his life! Anyway he spouted lots of stuff—he was the only one who knowed what it was. Then the old squire got him a permit to teach school. The boys run him out, cause they thought the Latin he quoted was a sign for them to begin a funny scrap. This failure seemed to knock Jake up entirely. Might as well tell the rest? It is too sad—— Well, if you must have it. Jake was missed. His brothers were in no hurry to find him. Guessed 'he had went off to some of his durned exams.' Some neighbors found his skeleton next spring in an old sugar shanty. They buried his bones with what the squirrels had left of an old Latin book he had in his hand. There now !—I might a knowed better than tell a girl such a yarn—they allus cry for nuthin—did you see my old red handkerchief anywhere ?"

ENIGMA,

# CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of THE VARSITY.

Sir,-In a recent conversation with a Princeton graduate who was active in establishing the debating league between his own university, Yale, and Harvard, I was much interested to learn that it is the practice of these institutions to allow every one of the debaters two short periods of time instead of a single longer one, the first for the presentation of preconstructed arguments and the second for an extemporaneous reply to the opposing orators. At the inception of the league, Princeton alone favored this plan, Yale and Harvard advocating the system in vogue now in Canada; and, consequently, during the first season a compromise was adopted that gave a second period to two only of the three speakers allowed to each side. However, the next winter the New England universities were quite ready to try the Princeton plan in its entirety, and it has since been followed by universities throughout the length and breadth of the United States. Its advantage is obvious. Extemporaneous speeches on subjects familiar to the makers are demanded in practice quite as frequently, I should think, as orations carefully prepared. This is especially the case among parliamentarians, in whose number the public appears to be more and more desirous of seeing university graduates. Now, the Princeton system gives adequate encouragement to the cultivation of just such a ready and deft style of eloquence as befits the easy but keen debater. Our own system, on the other hand, does not. Nay, against those students-and they are probably not few-who can speak at their best when free from the bondage of a straining memory and the trepidation arising from long contemplation of the ordeal of a public disputation, it rather discriminates. It would certainly be worth while, therefore, to try an adaptation of the Princeton system at Toronto in the debates of our year clubs and literary societies. Later, the change, if found satisfactory, might be introduced in the inter-college and inter-university leagues. I hope the students of the lower years will, at any rate, consider this suggestion valuable enough to note for reference next fall.

University College, February 28.

A. EDWIN HAMILTON.

#### NOTICE.

The business manager will be in his office on Wednesday from 9 to 1, and on Thursday from 11 to 1, to receive subscriptions. Those who have not paid are requested to attend to this matter, and so avoid inconveniences later on in the term.

#### INDIVIDUALITY.

Some time ago one of our prominent professors made the remark that we have no university "characters" now; that once we had a McCaul and a Wilson, but now everyone seems ordinary and commonplace. Without attempting to answer this statement regarding the faculty, let us transfer our inquiries to the sphere of the students, and ask if a similar criticism may not justly be passed upon the undergraduate body. Is it not true that there are few undergraduates among us who have any very marked individuality? Is it not a fact that the average man is aiming to get into uniformity with the rest rather than to cultivate and accentuate his own natural tendencies and endowments?

What is the reason why so many are trying to keep within the limits of prescribed rules ? It is not because they are not different when they come in, for many more "characters" are found in the freshman class than in any other; it is not because there is not as much genius and as great a diversity of personal characteristics among present-day students as there has ever been. It looks as if there was something in the atmosphere here, in the attitude of professor towards student, or of student towards his classmate that tends to crowd all towards the same dead level.

For instance a student comes in here who has taken a brilliant course in his own collegiate, and expects to distance his competitors here as he has done at home. Perhaps the first opportunity he gets of showing that there is something in him is in writing an essay in English. He works this out with extraordinary care, being careful to use as many poetic expressions as he can find, and forwards it to his professor with much enthusiasm. When, however, he has received his marks and the accompanying criticism has had time to settle in, he has come to the conclusion that a great writer just appears about once in half a century, the genial current of his soul has been frozen and henceforth his ambition as a writer of English is merely to attain the commonplace.

Again, suppose he believes that certain changes should be made in student affairs, and, for awhile, takes advantage of every occasion at class-meeting and at the Lit. to give expression to his radical opinions. This does not continue long, for he learns by experience that it pays to qualify his convictions and to go with the crowd, and the longer he is in college the more accomplished he becomes in following the conventional uniformities that prevail around him.

Now the writer admits that it is well to have certain eccentricities reduced by contact with professor and student. But would not a little more individuality and originality be relished in the desert of uniformity that seems to prevail at present? SENIOR,

#### CLASSICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE annual open meeting of the Classical Association was held on Tuesday, with the President, Mr. A. G. Brown,

presiding. Mr. Milner read a paper on "The Modern Spirit in Vergil," which was listened to with great interest by those who were present. The subject received an appreciative treatment.

At the close of the address, Messrs. J. G. Lorriman and W. H. Tackaberry moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer for the assistance he had given the Association during the year, and particularly for the excellent address with which the audience had been favored. In tendering the thanks of the meeting, Mr. Brown spoke of the uniform willingness of Mr. Milner to aid the Society in its work.

The officers for next year are as follows: Hon. President, Mr. W. S. Mılner; President, Mr. W. H. Tackaberry, '04; 1st Vice-President, Miss Cowan, '05; Secretary, Mr. A. G. McKay, '05; Trersurer, Mr. J. O. Carlyle, '06; Fourth Year Councillor, Miss Rankin, '04; Second Year Councillor, Miss Breckon, '06.

#### **REVERSION.**

"SCRATCH a Russian and you will find a Tartar." May not this be taken as a fitting expression of the skin-deep

nature of our boasted civilization and culture? A certain man of refinement is reported to have said that his summer outing always lasted until he actually began to take a delight in dirt, a pleasure in the feeling of being "unwashed," and then he fled back to the city, dreading lest his savage instincts should gain the mastery. I have often wondered if such were a common experience. Certain it is that in frontier settlements we come across man after man who has been brought up in a home of comparative refinement in the east, settled down to a life of the most primitive character, where all the luxuries and most of the so-called comforts of life are denied him, and who yet appears perfectly satisfied.

Such a condition of mind seems hardly imaginable to one who has not spent some years of his life continuously amid such surroundings. A man who has had this experience will realize, at least to some extent, what a little separates him from the filthy, disreputable Indian he sees daily riding by on his cayuse. At first his mind is kept alert by the novelty of his new surroundings, but this soon wears off. He begins to feel how few are the real necessities of life; he recalls how hard is the struggle for advancement and wonders if the game is worth the candle. He has eaten the lotus. How distant seems the rushing world ! Only the faintest sounds of many-handed industry come to him over the hills. Learning seems a goal too far off to be attained, worldly success something not worth the effort. What separates him now from the Indian by his side but some slight degree of industry, a few disquieting memories of the past, and a few haunting thoughts of what he might have been?

The rapid movement westward of school and church is proving the salvation from such a lapse, and it is in districts where these are absent that such conditions of life are found. To me, no more striking proof of the saving influences of education and religion can be given than the effects seen in some primitive settlement where they have been absent and where they are suddenly brought into play.

I would not for an instant give the above as an exact representation of life as found in primitive communities of the west, but it is a phase of it not uncommon, I believe, in some of the sparsely settled districts hidden away in secluded valleys of the Rockies. One such spot is almost constantly before me, and I feel even now the primitive—the savage—man in me calling me away to its life ot careless freedom and dreamy indolence.

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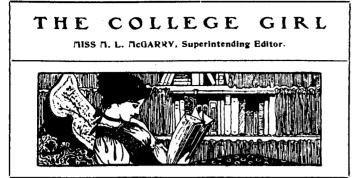
#### UNDERGRADUATE UNION NOTES.

"Jimmy," the diminitive attendent, has been on the sick list for a few days.

A suggestion has been made to raise the annual fee from two to four dollars and life membership fee from ten to twenty dollars, and have no fee for the billiard-room. This is a question which merits the consideration of the undergraduates. The Union should not have to encroach any longer on the lifemembership fees for the running expenses. The fee for undergradnate members should now be placed at a figure which would enable the Union to be run from that source of revenue and a sinking fund provided for necessary furnishings.

A framed group of the colored plates in the Year Book has been presented to the Union by Mr. Geddes.

The Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska are considering the establishment of a plant to supply the University with water.



I may be that this column is not the most suitable place in which to present a plea for greater unity among the undergraduate women of University College. But when one is a member of the "best companie" and has gone so far as to be photographed for the Year Book, one realizes that college life is nearly over for us, and that, if we wish to say anything to college women, or to offer them any advice out of our four years' experience, the opportunity which presents itself must be seized or it will be away and lost forever.

Any college woman who has acted upon a committee, and so been forced to give the matter thought, realizes just how great is this lack of unity among us. We have all heard or read a great deal about "college spirit" among the men of our University, and most of us have agreed that the principles laid down were all right—for the men. But what about ourselves? Do we not need college spirit as much as they do? We need it even more, for our number is smaller; and if we are to be a force, if we are to be a factor in university life to the extent we ought to be, we must have greater unity of purpose, of thought, and of action. We must know what we want, and work for it.

Our college life is lived under conditions to a certain extent similar to that of college men, and the things which work against college spirit among them, are also working against it among us. But we have things to contend with which they have not. We have no College Dining Hall or Undergraduate Club Rooms where we are in the habit of meeting. Do not imagine, however, that I am advocating a dining hall or club rooms for women. But what I do advocate most strongly is a Women's Residence. I feel confident that, besides alleviating other evils, a Residence would do a great deal towards bringing the College women more closely together.

But it is of little use, for the present, to say if we had a Residence we would have greater college spirit. We must accept the conditions as we find them. We have not a Residence, and even if the plans proposed for getting one are successful, several classes will have left the University before it is in readiness. Indeed, there is great danger that unless the girls act together the Residence will be delayed. But there is no reason why we should not have greater unity if each one of us resolves to be a college woman in the truest sense of the term, to support our societies, both by her presence and financial aid, and never to neglect an opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the other college women. If each one would resolve to do her part, we should have a college spirit which would be the envy of our sister colleges and which would work great things for ourselves.

On Sunday, February 22, our Bible Class met for the last time this session. Since October we have been making a special study of the Epistle to the Hebrews, and those of us who have made use of the opportunities offered by the Class have found it very interesting. The attendance has not been as large as we could have wished. But that cannot be helped now. We can only hope that the girls will realize more fully next year the privilege which is theirs and support the Class much better than they have heretofore. With this meeting closed the eighth year of Dr. Tracy's work among us as leader of our Bible Class. At the close of the meeting Miss Lough, '03, and Miss Pringle, '03, spoke on behalf of the Class in appreciation of Dr. Tracy's kindness and faithfulness to the girls.

The last meeting of the Mission Study Class was held Friday at five o'clock. The leader, Miss McCutcheon, '03, made a brief summary of the work we have been studying since Christmas, namely, Protestant Missions in South America. Then followed a brief discussion on the present outlook of missions and the benefits to be derived from their study. Miss McCutcheon is to be congratulated on the able manner in which she has conducted this Class, and those who have attended the meetings feel that they have been greatly benefitted thereby.

Mr. A. H. Abbott, B.A., addressed the meeting of the Y.W. C.A. on Tuesday afternoon. This was the third Inter-College meeting, and Miss Jolliffe, of Victoria University, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Miss Steele, '05, University College. The subject of Mr. Abbott's address was "Judge not, that ye be not judged," and he pointed out how absurd it was to call a man either good or bad, because, as psychology teaches, it is impossible for one person to communicate his thoughts and motives to another. He said we never hesitate to judge a man by his acts. If we see him doing anything wrong we at once conclude that he is a bad man, while in reality we are incapable of forming an opinion, ignorant as we are of his real motives for such action.

Representatives were present from several of the other colleges, and we were pleased to notice several graduates in the audience. The next Inter-College meeting will be held at Victoria University on Tuesday, March 3.

The Literary Society At-Home is now a thing of the past, and all the reminders left to us are the pleasant memories and the various notices—posted in vain, we fear—such as : Lost, a point-lace handkerchief, or a white kid glove, or a gold pin set with pearls, etc. There is now but one more meeting of the Literary Society, when the annual elections will be held. It is surely not necessary to urge all the girls not to miss this, for it is one of the most interesting, not to say exciting, meetings of the year. I. P.

NATURAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Natural Science Association was held last Thursday afternoon. An exceptionally interesting programme had been prepared by the students of the fourth year, on the subject of "Biological Evolution." This subject was discussed by the students, whose names are placed in connection with the following special heads on which they spoke: "Mimicry," Mr. J. D. Loudon; "Palaeontology," Mr. H. L. Kerr; "Embryology," Mr. H. M. McNeil; "Distribution," Mr. G. A. Robertson; "Vestiges," Mr. R. E. Gaby; "Comparative Anatomy," Mr. F. R. Miller. At the conclusion of the programme it was announced that the annual dinner would be held about March 5, and also that Mr. W. H. F. Addison, B.A., had kindly consented to speak on "Our Every-day Birds," at the next regular meeting.

#### **MISSIONARY MEETING.**

A missionary meeting to which all students of the various colleges are invited, will be held under the auspices of the Canadian Colleges' Mission on Sunday, March 22, 4.15 p.m., in the Students' Union building. Interesting addresses will be given by Dr. Smith and Mr. Sircar. Dr. Smith is a graduate of the University of Toronto, who has been engaged in medical missionary work in India. Mr. Sircar is a native Hindoo student, a convert to Chrisianity from Calcutta.

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TORONTO, March 4, 1903.

THE opening of the Legislature next week suggests the question of the influence of university graduates in public life. It has been too often the case that those whose ability and education entitle them to leadership, have neglected their duty to the State. The exigencies of present day politics are probably largely to blame for this, in keeping high-minded men out of a sphere where ward politicians are more likely to succeed. But the tabooing of all discussions of political questions in the societies of the University is to blame, too, in removing the possibility of a sane consideration of public questions. The result must be a lack of knowledge of political questions on the part of university men, and a consequent inability to influence public opinion. This is not as it should be. The position of a university graduate in any part of this country, whether he be a graduate in Medicine, Science, or Arts, a professional man, or a man in business, should entitle him to wield no small influence in the public opinion of his community. This is the class of men to whom the general public ought to look, to pass upon the statements and policies of those who are governing them. They should be the ones to detect the fallacy in reasoning, the sophistries, and the false hypotheses which the glib politicians put forth. It is not necessary that a man should be addressing meetings constantly, to exercise his influence. If it be known that men are in the community and taking an interest in affairs, who have thought of the subjects which are agitating the public, and past whose keen and logical reasoning it is impossible to thrust a false conclusion, public men would be ashamed to advance the incongruous and extravagant arguments which are now used to influence the public. Anyone who has listened to a debate in the local Legislature, will feel the reform which a critical audience of trained political economists would work.

To give university men the influence in public life for which their reasoning and thinking abilities fit them, the living public questions of the day should be discussed in the university literary and debating societies. Here, if anywhere, will a fair consideration of all sides of a question be given. Here, if anywhere, will the weak spot be detected. The university student is, by nature, critical. This is what the university encourages. This faculty should be directed to the interest of the state.

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March 19, University College will celebrate its annual conversazione. This year this function will be more nearly what it was originally intended to be than it has been for some time. In recent years the dance has gradually risen to such importance that all other features have been neglected. This has worked harm in more than one way. In the first place the students have lost sight of the fact that they are the hosts during that evening. The original intention was that the conversat should give the students an opportunity of showing their appreciation of kindnesses shown to them, by inviting their friends to the University, the students' common home, and showing them the building and the work that is being done by the various departments. Not only is this a graceful act of courtesy on our part, but it brings a large number of people into personal relationship with the University and gives all our guests an individual interest in it. The University cannot have too many friends; she cannot have too many people who are personally ready and anxious to say a good word for her.

The preponderance of dancing in the entertainment of previous years has affected the results injuriously in two ways: First, it has tended naturally to keep away the students who do not indulge in this form of amusement, and has prevented them entertaining their friends at the University; secondly, it has kept away the prominent citizens, whose interest would lie in the exhibits of the University's work. The active interest and support of these men are of great importance.

It is regrettable that the conversat has been narrowed to a University College affair. The difficulties of arranging exhibits from the Faculties of Medicine and Applied Science, in a building other than their own, seem very great. But the desirability of such a thing is so apparent that we think an effort at least should be made to accomplish this in the near future. A combined demonstration of the aims, resources and work of the University of Toronto, in all its Faculties, would be an exceedingly impressive sight. Its advantage would be incalculable. The students of the other Faculties should feel assured that the control of the conversat. by the Arts students has not been arrogantly assumed by them, but has been simply the natural outcome of the separation of the Science from the Arts Faculty and the formation of a separate society by the former. It is pleasing to know that the Senate has already appointed a committee to arrange for a display of the whole University.

For the coming conversat a highly-interesting and varied programme is promised. Dr. Kendrick will illustrate the science of glass-blowing. Dr. Chant will give demonstrations of wireless telegraphy. Illustrated lectures on Greek and Italian art and French architecture, a programme by the Harmonic Club, and numerous exhibits of various kinds will be some of the attractions.

#### THE LIT. VISITS VICTORIA.

THE University College Literary and Scientific Society paid a return fraternal visit to the Victoria Lit. last Friday night, and came away feeling that the Victoria boys were

right good fellows, despite the demoralizing effect of too close application to Theology.

The Victoria Lit. is conducted in the form of a mock parliament, with the result that by the time a man becomes a senior he is a past master of the rules of order and an expert on parliamentary procedure.

In the absence of the President, Mr. D. R. Rees, the speaker's chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. Irvine, who welcomed the guests of the Society in eloquent and felicitious terms, before bringing on the literary programme.

The latter consisted of a selection by the '05 quartette; solo, Mr. Convoy; reading, Mr. Collins; banjo solo, Mr. Luck; quarrel scene between Brutus and Cassius, Messrs. Hughes and Wilson; paper on "Specialization in Flowers," Mr. Henderson; chorus by Glee Club. At the conclusion of this very entertaining programme, President Brebner, Vice-President McGuire, Secretary Day, and Mr. Gillies, of the University College Lit., gave short addresses, expressing warm fraternal feelings toward Vic.

At this juncture His Excellency the Governor-General was announced, and entered to read the address from the throne, the late Government having been defeated at the last meeting of the House. The speech bristled with clever local hits, many of which were lost on the visitors. The address in reply was ably proposed by a couple of promising Freshies, and the subsequent debate and parliamentary cross-fire was quite clever.

When, at a late hour, the leader of the Government proposed a motion to adjourn, the pleasure of the visitors was only marred by the regret that the idea of society visits had not been evolved earlier.

#### MEETING OF 1904.

Recognizing the fact that, while the Convocation Hall scheme is before the public, little or nothing can be done towards realising the Residence dream, University College Juniors have endorsed the Alumni Association project. The Year formally took this stand at a class meeting held last Friday afternoon to discuss the question. A committee was appointed to undertake a canvas of the Year and judging by the sentiment of last week's meeting the result of their labors will be gratifying.

#### EXCHANGES.

There are twenty Japanese students attending Stanford University.

The girls' basket-ball team of the University of Washington, Seattle, is making a trip East.

The entire senior class of the Yale Forestry School has spent a month in various lumber camps, collecting material for their theses.

The class of 'o6 at McGill have adopted a distinctive cap. An agitation is under way to have all the classes follow the lead of the Freshmen so that the different years may be distinguished.

According to the agreement between Sophomores and Freshmen at Columbia, no College Freshman will be allowed to smoke a pipe or carry a cane on the campus this college year.

This is one of the rules which the Sophomores of the University of Chicago have placed upon the Freshmen: "In addressing a Sophomore, always bow three times, raising the left hind foot at the same time.



#### THE WEEK'S SCORES.

#### THE JENNING'S CUP MIX-UP.

The protest against the Dentals for playing a man who had played on a team other than a U. of T. team, was established, and, as a result, a number of the Jenning's Cup games will have to be played over.

The Dentals will play Senior S.P.S. The winner of this will play Junior S.P.S. Finally Victoria has the right to challenge the winners of the last game for the cup. It looks like a win for the Dentals with Victoria figuring largely in the final.

#### DINING HALL HOCKEY LEAGUE.

#### BEEF ROLLS VS. PANCAKES.

After numerous unsuccessful encounters with the weatherman, and after several weeks of negotiation to impress the public with the importance of the affair, the Beef Rolls and the Pancakes, of the famous Dining Hall Hockey League, came together on Wednesday.

"I have first swipe," said "Tread," and the game began. It was fast and furious—principally furious. Goldie tried hard to kill somebody, but was not in his usual form, and no one was maimed. McAllister scored the first goal for the Pancakes. For this offence, he was ruled off for one minute He wasn't cured, however, for, a few minutes later, he repeated the crime, and was put off again. Treadgold now got the puck on the face off, and went down the ice to score, but his legs got tangled in some way and he missed. By this time the sun had got in its work. "Tread" admonished the players to "keep off the grass," and "Freddie" Overend began to throw mud at Lorriman. The rest thought this a good idea, and they did it all around when the referee wasn't watching. In the meantime Armstrong scored for the Beef Rolls, and half-time was called.

More furious play, more mud-throwing, a scrimmage, and the Beef Rolls had scored their second goal. All blamed Hill for this, and he went off for one minuite. With the score a tie the enthusiasm of the spectators was unbounded, and the teams played up in grand style. Andrews was a whirlwind; "Midget" Colquhoun was a wonder; "Bob" Baird and his cap were large factors; McAllister was greased lightening; Goldie was trying to be a man-killer; Dixon was the Beef Rolls' fastest, but incessant shots were too much for "Stonewall" Megan, and Andrews scored for the Pancakes. This was the last goal, and play stopped a few minutes afterwards with the score 3 to 2 in favor of the Pancakes.

For the Beef Rolls: Megan, in goal, looked unhappy with a hockey stick and no pads; Colquhoun looked petit in a red sweater and black hat; Armstrong shone in a white and green hat and a "Varsity" sweater; Hill wore his own hair; Dixon was dressed in his usual captivating style; Treadgold was present with his spectacles, his smile and his jokes; Lorriman was most attractive in a "coat of many colors."

For the Pancakes: "Bob" Pearson stopped shots with brown pads and a glorious smile; "Bob" Baird was "simply killing" in his red cap, black sweater, white trousers and yellow stockings; Overend wore a neat suit of "football cut"; Goldie was a delightfully dainty picture in several colors; McAllister

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wore a pleasant costume of dark blue and dirty white; Andrews was brilliant in a red sweater, and O'Leary looked petit, charming, brilliant, captivating and attractive in a yellow sweater.

Mr. G. F. Bryce, '04, acted as referee ; Mr. W. J. K. Vanston, as time-keeper, and Mr. L. A. Eedy, as spectator.

It was a most variegated and enjoyable affair, and the audience said it was much pleased.

W. J. K. V.

#### THE INTER-COLLEGIATE CUP.

"The trophy for the Canadian Inter-Collegiate Hockey Championship, which McGill has just won, is well worthy of being contested for. The bowl is made of sterling silver. Including the ebony stand, the cup stands  $16\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, and is  $17\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. The top border is in the design of chrysanthemums, the flower of the University. On the front is a wreath of gold, maple and oak leaves, with a chased silver hockey player rushing the puck. The following inscription is on the front: 'Canadian Inter-Collegiate Championship Cup, presented to the C.I.H U. by Queen's University Hockey Club, February, 1903.' The crest of Queen's University is between the first and second line of the inscription."—McGill Outlook.

#### A HOME FOR ATHLETIC TROPHIES.

Last year the Reception-room of the Union was considerably beautified by the presence of the various athletic trophies won by University teams, as well as the cups for competition 'among the Years and Faculties. But only a few of them are left there now, and the effect is decidedly bad.

Upon inquiry we have learned that the Jenning's Cup is ensconsed at the Dental College, while the Faculty and Mulock Cups are being carefully guarded at the School of Science.

Now these three would make a decided improvement in the appearance of the room, which is the natural home for all University of Toronto athletic trophies. Students from all faculties come here, and when they are piloting their friends around the athletic trophies always make an interesting exhibit.

As it is, when any college wins a cup it is promptly transferred to the Dean's office in that particular college, and the average student sees it about once a year. If they were all kept at the Union they would be seen and the possessors' prowess would be admired by far larger numbers than at present, and, incidentally, the University spirit which should permeate all the faculties and colleges would be apparent.

And while we are on this subject there are a good many who would like to know why the Beattie-Nesbit Cup, which U. of T. wrested from the Argonauts last fall, has never been seen up here.

#### CHESS.

The final game in the City Chees League was played in the Y.M.C.A. parlors last Thursday evening, when the Y.M.C.A. defeated the University team by a score of 7 to 1. By winning this match Y.M.C.A. retains possession of the beautiful Chess Trophy emblematic of the City Championship. U. of T. was without the services of Mr. Bick and Mr. Burton, who would have made a considerable difference in the result.

The score :	
Y.M.C.A.	U. of T.
Harrington I	Hunter o
Muntz o	Prof. Mavor I
Willians I	Gibson o
Dr. Meyer	Levy
Crompton I	Clappison o
Blythe	Prof. Hutton o
G. K. Powell I	Fyle o
Dr. Stark I	Treadgold o
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Good progress has been made in the Handicap and Open Tournaments and the Beginners', has already been decided in favor of Keep, with Lang second and Freeman third.

In the Handicap, the following have still to play off in the first round : Treadgold, Sutherland, Parsons, Clappison, Crystal, Lucas, Keys and Stuart.

Fowler, Freeman and Lang have reached the second round, and Allan is in the third round.

The standing in the Open is as follows :

	Won.	Lost.		
Freeman	. 5	0		
Clappison	· 7	2		
Treadgold	. 3	2		
Parsons	. 2	2		
Allan	. 3	3		
Keys	. 2	2		
Lang	. 2	2		
Fowler	21/2	3 4½		
Harrison	. 1	2 7/2		
Sutherland	1/2	$\frac{1}{4}\frac{1}{2}$		
Crystal	. 0 .	4/2		
NOTERS OF COLUMN STREET				

NOTES OF COLLEGE SPORT.

Holy Cross and Brown have severed all athletic relations. Inter year curling teams are playing for the championship at Manitoba.

An anti-football bill is to be introduced in the Wisconsin Legislature during the present season.

Fenney, captain of the Boston Nationals, has been secured to coach the Tufts baseball squad until the season begins.

Yale oarsmen are experimenting with a new oar-blade of wire screening, supported on a steel frame, for use in the rowing tank.

Coakley, the Holy Cross pitcher recently debarred from participating in amateur games, has signed for next season with the Philadelphia Americans.

They have a novel way for paying for their toboggan slide at Cornell. An admission price is charged till the cost is paid, and then the slide is made free.

Kingston News: "Mr. Chaplin, of Queen's Science School, attended the Toronto-McGill game at Montreal the other night, and reports that the Toronto team played the faster hockey but had bad luck. It looks as if McGill won all the games by luck."

There are, no doubt, many students who do not understand the color system of Toronto athletics, and the conditions governing the granting of the "U.T." Therefore, the article on "The Color System of the University of Toronto," which will appear next week from the pen of W. G. Wood, secretaryof the U. of T.A.A., will be most timely.

The hockey season has shown clearly the necessity of a closed university rink. As it is, it is impossible to secure practice hours on Mutual Street Rink which will be satisfactory to everybody, and many players who could make the teams cannot afford to take off the time requisite for going down town to practise. Then, again, Inter-Collegiate hockey can never be a financial success at Toronto so long as we have to submit to the arbitrary arrangements of the Mutual Street Rink authorities. The time is ripe for some large-hearted *alumnus*, a friend of university athletics, to start a rink subscription going.

At a meeting of the Rugby Football Club, held last week, George Ballard, who has so successfully captained the Seconds for the past two seasons, was elected manager of the Firsts for next year. George has shown himself to possess a rare genius for organization, and his ability to create a strong team out of unpromising material is well known. Next year's team is bound to be well managed, and, with Harold Beatty, Canada's greatest centre-half, captaining the fifteen, the C.I.R.F.U. championship cup should come back to Toronto. "Ned" Boyd was chosen to manage the Seconds, and I. H. C. Mason will do the same for the Thirds.

#### UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Just eight more weeks till exams.

Life at Trinity has taken on a strenuous tone.

Friday night, the 6th of March, is Constitution Night at the Lit.

The last issue of THE VARSITY for the year will appear next week

An Alumni Association has been established in Oxford County.

Waitress in Dining Hall: "Will you have roast beef or corn meal?"

Mr. W. S. Milner was unable to lecture on Monday on account of a severe cold.

Captain Treadgold after shooting the puck into the boards : " Just a little too much siding.'

Professor Mavor was called to New York last week on account of the sickness of relatives.

Mr. Clappison represented Wycliffe at the Normal College dance in Hamilton. Mr. W. Morrison was also present.

Extract from a report of the Dining Hall hockey game: "The Senior table expected to find the pancakes a lunch.

Mr. Arthur E. McFarlane, one of Varsity's clever graduate writers, has a good story in last week's Saturday Evening Post

The recent article in THE VARSITY by Dr. McCurdy on Ideals of Citzenship has been coppied in full by The McGill Outlook.

The Political Science Club meets next Thursday afternoon at four o'clock in Room 2, to elect the officers of the Club for next year.

President Loudon intended to be present at the meeting of the Berlin Alumni but was unable to go and Dr. Reeve went in his place.

Principal Hutton delivered a lecture in London on Friday on "University Extension." He was also at Hamilton last week, and he visits Montreal this week.

Messrs. Allan and Treadgold held a reception for a few of their friends last week. The guests are unable to describe adequately the heartiness of their welcome.

Dr. McLennan and Professor Young were in Berlin on Friday evening on Alumni Association business, and the former visited Stratford on Saturday on the same business.

> Willie had a little task, Making hydrogen. Made it in a closed-up flask, "Dust to dust-Amen."

"Doc." Colquhoun thinks that a missionary work equal in importance to the University Sermons would be accomplished by keeping open the dining hall nntil five minutes past ten on Sunday mornings.

The Conversat. Committees are hard at work preparing for the great event, which is to take place on the evening of March , 19. At least twelve hundred guests are wanted. Students from all the Faculties will be welcome.

The McGill Outlook issued a special hockey number last week to celebrate their winning the C.I.H.U. Championship. The bright red cover, with a cut of a hockey player on the front, presents a very attractive appearance.

> Johnny hanged his little sister, She was dead before they missed her, Johnny's allus up to tricks, Ain't he cute? He's only six.

-Cornell Widow.

The Harmonic Club concert in Guild Hall, Saturday evening, was not as largely attended as was expected. The lateness of the date is probably largely to blame for this. It takes a rather strong attraction to entice the students out at the end of February.

S.P.S. class in Mathematics. Professor Baker : "Integrate this number." No response.

Professor Baker : " Mr. S., do you know what Integral Calculus is?"

Mr. S. : "A poem by A. Baker."

There once was a man from Nantucket Who kept all his cash in a bucket, But his daughter named Nan Ran away with a man And as for the bucket, Nantucket.

-Princeton Tiger.

The Harbord Collegiate Old Boys' Dinner on Friday evening was a rousing success. Among the Varsity men who spoke were Professor De Lury, Messrs. Burton, Urquhart and Dawson. Several graduates of Varsity, among them Principal Spotton, Messrs. Kennedy, Strath, Smyth and Dr. Adams, were also on the toast list.

President Woodrow Wilson has settled the two year college course proposition. Says he :

"I cannot imagine how anybody who ever saw a Sophomore could ever think of graduating one in that condition."

Enough said. That renders all further discussion of the subject superfluous and unnecessary .--- Boston Herald.

A large number of students, from all years, attended the Unitarian Church on Sunday night, to here Prefessor Alexander's lecture on "In Memoriam; A Struggle Toward Faith." The subject was admirably treated by the lecturer, who received the closest attention of his audience. This series of lectures by University of Toronto professors on Religion in Literature and Life, has won great favor, especially among University students.

> Little Kate, with conscience clear. Thought her brother was a deer; Raised her gun and shut both eyes-Father carried home the prize. \*

"Don't you care," mamma exclaimed,

"Willie always was dead game !"

-Harvard Lampoon.

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#### WYCLIFFE COLLEGE NOTES.

Mr. Perry visited Shelburne on Monday.

Rev. E. R. James visited the College last week.

Mr. L. H. Harlman has a severe attack of influenza.

Mr. Connor was admitted to the G. B. degree on Tuesday.

Mr. Millman is ill with bronchitis at the home of his uncle, Dr. Millman.

Mr. G. W. McKee embraced Mr. J. W. Batten so forcibly last week that he is now nursing a very sore face.

We are pleased to note that our Literarv Society has taken a new lease of life. One of the best programme meetings in the history of the Society was held on Friday evening. Mr. Fraser sang in Coll. dialect. "News Items" brought forth a good article on "The Relation of Divinity Men to Arts Men," which was followed by earnest discussion. Messrs. Smith, James and Perdue, representing the East, opposed Messrs. Wilkinson, Mc Elheran and Fraser, for the West, in a debate on the comparative advantages of their respective districts. Then followed an unbridged edition, revised version of "Mr. Dooley," well rendered by Mr. Sadlier. Honors were fairly distributed and local hits abounded. The College yells brought a splendid meeting to an end.

#### MEDICAL FACULTY.

Mr. Jas. L. Wilson, B.A., is confined to his room with influenza, to the great regret of his friends in '05.

The view from the towers of the new Medical building is very fine and was enjoyed by several parties of students last week.

The results of the final examinations in Osteology for the First Year have been posted by Dr. C. L. Starr. Twenty-three students secured full marks and as many more obtained ninety per cent. and over, so that there has been some work done by the Class of '06.

The piano used at the opening meeting of the Natural Science Association last week was pressed into service the following morning by the Second Year, and an impromptu recital was given by one of the artists of the Class. His efforts were rewarded by generous applause.

Torontonensis will be a popular book in '05 if it maintains the excellent character of the edition of this year. "Varsity Meds." have every reason to be proud of the showing they make, even if there is no poetry addressed to the eyebrows of any of them. The cartoons of especially local interest are well made and the points are apparent.

Mr. Hardy has been accused of introducing the Delsarte system of physical culture among his classmates, but wrongly so. The truth is that he has discovered a rational explanation of the reflexions of the Pelvin Fascia, and everyone who would understand that maze in Anatomy is trying to learn the motions. They are difficult at first, but very graceful. The seating of the lecture theatres in the seating of the lecture theatres done

The seating of the lecture theatres in the new Medical building has been done with the noise of the folding desks in the Biolog. loud in the Professors' ears. The result is that benches, with solid arm rests and immoveable seats, have been installed with an effect that is hardly as decorative as it might be, but that bears with it an appearance of serviceableness that redeems some of the other faults.

Mr. Storry, '06, went home for the holiday last week, and as his home is in North York, he concluded to remain over in order to do his part in securing the defeat of one of the candidates for Parliamentary honors. Mr. Moorhead, of the same Year, as a true politician of the opposite side, went to his home, which is also in North York, on the same day, and so the new member from that constituency has not profited from the visit of either gentleman to the home of his youth.

A well-known disease that is, according to an authorized text book, "characterized by a scanty furfuraceous, exfoliation of the epidermis," has apparently become epidemic among the Primary Meds. Mr. McLachlan and Mr. Speirs, '05, and Messrs. Frawley, McMillan and McLure, '06, are the latest victims. The cases are typical, and so the many visits made by fellow students cannot all be credited to sympathy, as there are many students in medicine who do not know what a measle really looks like. We are heartily sorry for the gentlemen concerned, as it will

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mean a three weeks' absence from classes in each case.

There are two burning questions agitat-ing the public mind in the University at the present time, and the students in Medicine have not declared themselves on either of them. We refer to the Convocation Hall and Residence schemes concerning which so much is being said in the press, both outside and inside of the University. So far as we know the feel-ing is that there is great/need for both the Hall and the Residence, but that in the building of both the needs of the fu-ture should be made to govern and that no lower criterion of architecture than University College itself should obtain in their construction. The Faculty of Medi cine know what it is to be compelled to sacrifice the ornate to the needful, and we hope that our effort towards meeting a pressing want with a limited capital may have a salutary effect upon those who would make the Convocatian Hall cheap but useful. The same might be said of the Residence. What is required is not a barracks for so many individuals, but a home for a large proportion of the students from all of the Faculties,

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who, by their mutual intercourse, would do more for the creation of the university spirit than all the editors in Toronto could do in twice as long a time. We have no amendments to offer to any scheme now advanced, but we think ourselves safe in saying that the Residence idea meets with the approval of the students in Medicine, considered as a body. This approval is passive just now, but

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as the plans develop, we look for a decided change in voice with regard to the matter. This much is certain, the boarding house is giving inadequate accommodation at rates that are already as high as the average student can afford, and that are bound to run higher as the demand increases from year to year. We have mentioned other schemes of student effort in this column, but they need not clash with this, as we have allowed twenty-five years for the Medical library to materialize, by which time we hope to materiaize, by when this we hope that the Residence will have outgrown its second coat of paint and that its broad stone steps will have become per-ceptibly hollowed by the feet of some thousands of students who will have called it home during their college course.

A petition fully signed by the Matricul-ant students in Medicine has been presented to the University Senate, praying for leave to write on the examinations in May and promising to complete Matriculation at as early a date as possible.

#### SCHOOL OF PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

Mr. W. S. Drewry, '05, has left for his home in Winnipeg, Man., on account of illness.

Mr. J. P. Rigsby, a former member of '03, paid his Class a visit the other day. He holds a position as draughtsman with

a Pittsburg firm. Mr. H. L. Thompson, '05, who was confined to Dr. Carveth's private hospital, with tonsilitis, for some time, has left for his home in Hamilton. "Rusty" Legge, of '04, has invented

a new system of counting, said to be very useful in Descriptive Drawing. It goes, one, two, three-dash.

The "hoodlum" who wrote "God Bless '03 " on the wall of The Third-Year Draughting Room, has been ostracised by the remainder of the Class.

At the annual Horse Show to be held in the Armouries shortly, the Toronto Engineers will take a part in the proceedings by erecting a pontoon bridge. An overly demonstrative dog, some pots

of paint, and a score of Freshmen constituted the neucleus about which a very pathetic tale is woven-for the dog. Mr. E. A. James was elected at a mass-

meeting to represent the School at the annual banquet of the Ontario Land Surveyors. He reports a very enjoyable time.

The Miners, '04, are forming a choral club, Brigham Young being director. All interested in music are requested to hand in their names. Selections will be given

between lectures. Mr. W. C. Jepson, '05, spent a day or so at home in Niagara Falls, a week ago and likewise passed some enjoyable hours in Hamilton, while on the same trip. Particulars on application. Mr. Larkworthy has announced his in-

tention of deserting the Marconi Syndi-cate and throwing in his lot with De Forest during the coming summer. We tender Marconi our sincerest sympathies.

Last week we stated that the S.P.S. subscription to "Varsity" put all other Faculties in the shade. We were misin-formed and wish to detract. The Arts subscription is about four times as large as ours.

One feature of this year's "Varsity," which has been greatly appreciated at the School, is the way in which the news of sports has been handled, and especially the "University spirit," which the sport-ing editor has emphasized in his columns.

Lecturer in Economic Geology: "This particular kind of limestone is used in the trimmings of a building on College street. They call it, I think, the Bible \_\_\_\_\_\_. What is it, again?" "Ernie" Oliver: "The Bible Training School." Profound sensation.

Mr. W. S. Drewrt, '05, has been compelled for the second time to give up his studies on account of ill-health. He has returned to his home in Winnipeg and will endeavor to recuperate during the summer by inhaling the ozone-laden breezes on a ranch.

The '04 Debating Society held its final meeting for the season on February 21.

The president was in the chair. A paper was read by Mr. L. Chilvers on the industries at the "Soo," and was very creditable. Mr. Moorhouse next read a paper on the new theory of "Volcanic Eruptions."

Ever since the Whitby affair, Messrs. W. J. Blair, '02, Smith and Craig, '04, have been regaling their associates with accounts of the Utopian characteristics of the aforesaid town. It is rumored that they have all but hired an automobile to revisit the scenes of so much delight on May 21. The statement has also been made that Mr. Blair intends applying for the position of Astronomer Royal of Whitby, Mr. Smith for that of Sanitary Engineer, and Mr. Craig for that of elec-



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Writing in a recent number of The To-ronto Sunday World, a School Freshman makes a tremenduous kick against the plug system as we have it at our institution. Without doubt, the writer is generally on the right track, but there are some things to which we must take exception. He complains of the formidable array of Mathematical subjects to be encountered in the First Year, and speaks in an indefinite way about reconstructing the time table so as to allow more time for them. In our humble opinion, this is just what we don't want. We already spend far more time at Elementary Mathematics in our course than we should. Our purpose in coming here is to get a training that we cannot get at a preparatory school, and why we should spend nearly a third of the regular course with subjects that could just as well have been disposed of before entering, thus al-lowing more time for higher work, is more thus we can understand. Every man of us should have the equivalent of the First-Year Mathematics of the Arts Course, and then we should be on a satisfactory footing for grappling with the

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special subjects of our course. At any rate, this institution should not be forced to duplicate the work of High Schools and Collegiates, and we feel sure that until the qualifications for admission into the regular course are raised to the level of those required on entering the Faculties of Applied Science of the chief Uni versities of America, the Faculty of Ap-plied Science of the University of Toron to will not attain to the position which its associations would warrant.

The establishment of a course in Fores try at the University of Toronto is a question which has been engaging the attention of the authorities for some time past. Its important relation to the Civil Engineering Course at the School should not be overlooked, as many of the subjects of that course would have to be included in the curriculum for Forestry and would be taken at the School. There are some who imagine that a fair knowledge of the conditions of forest growth is all that is necessary for the forest expert.

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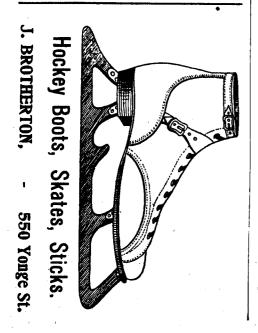
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able to make the best of the vital connection of natural sources of waterpower with forests; must foresee the nature of the timber demand for engineering and industriaf purposes; must fully grasp the transportation problem as related to forests; and, in short, must be able to look at the question of timber supply and forest growth from the practical standpoint of the engineer. Another point: The men who first qualify as forestry experts will be under the stern necessity of creating a demand for their own services before they find them very valuable. They must make the office themselves, and for some time people will not be tumbling over each other to engage men skilled in the art of forestry. Until their continued services are required, they can best maintain themselves and keep in touch with their specialty by the practice of some allied branch of engineering for which they have been especially qualified. and, if their course af Forestry has been taken in the University of Toronto, such training would necessarily be received at the School.

#### ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE.

An interesting game of hockey was played on the College rink last Saturday between St. Michael's College and the Waverley teams, in which the latter team won by a score of 6 to 2.

As Washington's birthday fell on Sunday this year the entertainment given by the American students, in his honor, was celebrated on Tuesday evening. At 8 o'clock the performance began with the appearance of Mr. Dixon, as the orator of the evening. His eulogy upon the "Father of his Country," was impress-ive, to the point, and well delivered. Fol-



lowing the panegyric, came the one-act farce entitled "Johnson's Busy Day," in which Mr. Gannon figured as the principal character. The other parts were well performed by Messrs. Burke, Heffron, Reilly and Cryne. Then the features of the evening appeared in the persons of the "Darktown Minstrels. The chief characters of the performance were Mr. King, the interlocutor; Messrs. Dooley, Gib bons, Nixon, Cryne, Moriarty and Kelley, the end men. During the intervals, the College orchestra, under the direction of Professor Napolitano, rendered some fine selections and at the conclusion played "God Save the King." The continuous The continuous roars of laughter and rounds of applause showed how much the audience appreciated the entertainment. The officers and committees are to be congratulated on their untiring efforts in making the performance such a success.

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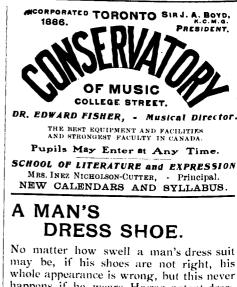
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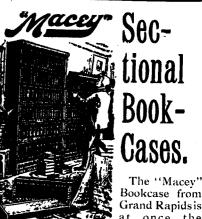
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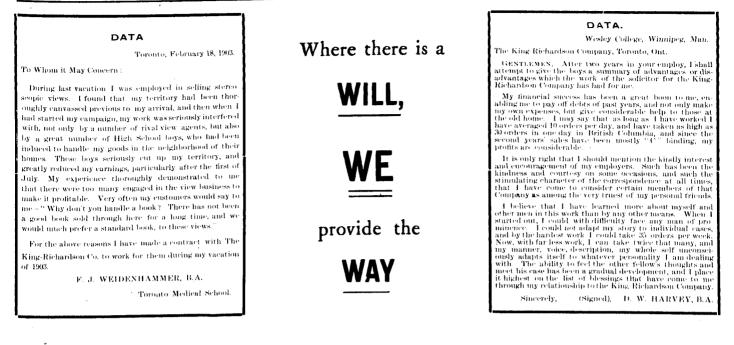
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