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## Editorial Comments.



FROM time to time the proposal has been made in the columns of THE VARSITY and elsewhere to establish a course of lectures in the college to be given by men from other parts of Canada and from Great Britain and the United States, who have attained to eminence in particular departments of thought or action. It is a system which prevails largely in American universities, and has been followed by the best results. However excellent our own professors may be their time is entirely occupied with the regular curriculum work of their respective departments, and we can hardly expect anything in the way of supererogation from them. Once last year, indeed, a move was made in this direction by one of our own lecturers, and it is safe to say that few more interesting events occurred during Easter Term than Mr. Fairclough's two lectures on Greek sculpture and architecture. It is for the want of such special and extraordinary occasions that our University life most seriously suffers. Weeks and weeks pass by and nothing whatever occurs in our intellectual world to vary the hum-drum monotony that will sometimes afflict even the most active and versatile mind no matter how excellent the prescribed and time-tabled curriculum lectures may be. If those in authority should take hold of the matter and invite distinguished men from other cities to lecture before the University of Toronto, we are sure that the scheme would be met with a responsive enthusiasm on the part of the undergraduates which would itself repay the inaugurators for all the trouble expended. And, if they, through lack of time or for other reasons, do not see their way to the adoption of the proposal, why should not the students themselves, through their own organization, the Literary Society, endeavor to do something in the matter?

According to the calendar of 1890, the medal in modern languages is to be given in future in the Third instead of in the Fourth Year. The present graduating class will therefore have had no opportunity of competing for a medal. This is only another example of the many gross injustices practised by our authorities at present in the distribution of medals. To refuse to one year the privilege of competing for a medal is tantamount to depriving some one of a medal fairly deserved. The Senate in their distribution of the highest honors that crown university education act with as much whimsical naïveté and playful irregularity as a child dealing out candy from a bag.

It is pleasing to observe the enthusiasm with which the Medicals have responded to the invitation to nominate editors for THE VARSITY from their number. This evidence of the growth of closer relations and more intimate intercourse between the students of the two faculties must be

indeed gratifying to all who desire to see the undergraduates of our University bound together in a firmer unity. We welcome our medical *confrères* to our sanctum, and see in their entrance an augury of better days.

We understand, on good authority, that the Education Department has decided to hold a common examination for entrance into all the universities of the Province. A Board of Examiners will be appointed by the Department and will doubtless be so arranged as to represent all the universities great or small. This means that the matriculation examination into Toronto will be under the management of the Department and all the universities, instead of the Department and University of Toronto as has been the case heretofore. The provincial universities, apparently, have to have all the disadvantages of such a university and none of the advantages thereof.

We would call attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of things in the reading-room which the Y.M.C.A. authorities have so generously placed at the disposal of the students. Some of the men who work there have evidently had no training in the reading-room ethics of the times before the Fire, when even the most subdued conversation would be vigorously "stamped" down. The old spirit of order and of polite consideration for others, which then prevailed, seems to have perished in the flames. There has been a break in traditional custom, but we hope that general opinion will soon enforce as stern a morality as ever.

The article of Miss C. Ross published elsewhere is one worthy of attentive perusal. While perhaps not agreeing with all the views expressed therein we are free to admit that her point as to the full signification of the term "Class Society" had not occurred to us. Perhaps some one who has felt the apparent justice of the argument and refuted it may be able to show the position taken by Miss Ross to be illogical. We invite brief expression of opinion on the question.

## SCHOOL OF SCIENCE.

The sports are over and the School of Science tug-of-war team is again the proud possessor of the championship medals.

The new laboratories in the Chemical Department (north wing) are nearing completion, and promise to be a great improvement on the old ones, in both accommodation and convenience.

The work of putting in the machinery in the Mechanical Department is progressing very favorably. It is expected that before long the fifty horse-power engine will be completed and ready for use.

A new arrival at the school is an inoffensive-looking hose reel with equipment, which stands in the basement corridor. Several of the senior men were practising with the "weapon" a few days ago, but it is proper to add that the target was not a freshman.

## SONNET.

O Truth, unto thine ominous behest  
 Our conscious being shall be wholly bent,  
 E'en though it leadeth not to calm or rest,  
 E'en though a little human life-time spent  
 In vain endeavor to fulfil thy will  
 Leave it imperfect, unfulfilled, still;  
 E'en though on thine impassive face, there seem  
 For us, no light, no recognition sweet;  
 And with our eyes on thine, dream after dream,  
 Unwept, depart—yet kneeling at thy feet,  
 As at the burning stake of old, men stood  
 Content, and shrank not from the fire's breath,  
 So we shall learn to welcome pain or death,  
 Or ought thou shalt decree, as our best good.

EVELYN DURAND.

## TWO WEEKS AT NORTHFIELD.

BY ONE WHO WAS THERE.

The name of Northfield is becoming yearly more familiar to college men all the world over. There annually for the last five years or so conventions of students have been held with great success. The object of these conventions has been and is to give an impetus to the work of the Y. M. C. A. in colleges, and the men who go there are, as a consequence, principally Y. M. C. A. men.

Northfield itself is a beautiful little village of Massachusetts, situated on the river Connecticut, which is still quite narrow at this point. One street runs right through the place, and on this one street all the houses are situated; elms line either side of the road, which runs parallel to the river, and meeting in the centre high over head form a regular colonnade; if you add to this that the houses, which stand back from the road, are mostly summer residences, and many of them extremely tasteful, you have a short and imperfect idea of one of the most beautiful places I have ever been in. At the north end of the village is situated the seminary where the conventions are held. The buildings are five in number; two of them being stone structures of very tasteful design. Three hundred and eighty students took possession of this spot, for the greater part of the year sacred to the fair sex, and for two weeks alternately studied and took recreation, at the end of which an extremely unanimous decision was arrived at that a glorious time, in every sense of the word, had been spent.

The Toronto contingent this year numbered five, one of whom came from Trinity Medical School, and became six by the addition of a gentleman from the Ontario Agricultural College. We found at Northfield, as we had expected, men from all over the world. One hundred and twenty-one educational institutions were represented. All the great American Universities sent large delegations; Yale, for instance, sent 26 men; Amherst, 19; Cornell, 15; Dartmouth, 15, and Harvard, 11, while the smaller institutions were represented by smaller contingents. A very noticeable feature was the large number of Japanese, over twenty of whom were present, and some of whom had come there all the way from Japan. Oxford was represented by several men, Cambridge also, as well as Edinburgh and Aberdeen; nor did Dublin come out far behind, for she sent one of her stalwart and witty sons to grace the occasion. Sweden was represented by a student from Upsala University, Germany by a student from Berlin and France by one from Paris. My list would not be complete were I to stop here; I should have made a lamentable omission had I neglected to state that Vassar and Smith Colleges sent representatives also. A large part of the interest connected with Northfield comes from the fact that there one meets so many university men of such different countries and ideas; and in this way gets broader views of student life and, indeed, of things in general.

Not all of our time was devoted to the serious business of the Convention; anyone who is possessed of any such idea is evidently not acquainted with Mr. Moody, in response to whose invitation we assembled. The whole of the afternoon of every day was set aside for sports, while morning and evening we discussed ways and means of work, and listened to rousing and heart-stirring addresses from well-known men. Mr. Moody, of course, was one of the principal speakers, and was, I think, the most popular man on the grounds. Besides him, we had Dr. Pierson, Professor Weidner, Bishop Thoburn, of India, Dr. Pentecost, Dr. Munhall, Mr. Mowell, of London, Eng., and many others to whose addresses we listened with much interest, and from whom we got many new ideas and useful hints. Beyond this I cannot say much more, for lack of space, about the addresses. Mr. Moody was intensely practical; Dr. Pierson confined himself almost wholly to missions; Drs. Pentecost and Munhall were strong at exposition; Mr. Mowell was earnest on the subject of the Second Coming of Christ, and Professor Moore moved us all to our innermost depths with the pathos and earnestness of his words.

As I have just said, the afternoons were devoted to recreation of various sorts. Prominent among the sports was, of course, baseball, under the presidency of Mr. Stagg, of Yale. Games were played daily in front of "Marquand Hall" and always attracted a crowd. Mr. Stagg pitched on one occasion only, and then not in a game, but for any who chose to try and bat him; he has wonderful speed, a good curve and splendid control of the ball, so that the strikes made off his pitching were few and far between. He received a great ovation and deserved it, though I do not know but that the catcher, who had never caught Stagg before, deserved one even more than the recipient.

Lawn tennis was played a great deal, some twenty courts or more being marked off in various parts of the grounds. Those who did not care to spend the afternoons in either of these ways could take a stroll or else go to the river and have a swim.

Words fail me and I become powerless indeed when I come to the description of the "glorious Fourth." The celebration started at one a.m., and kept up till twelve p.m. We were roused out of the sweetest of slumbers by a racket best described as unearthly and infernal, which resolved itself as we became wide awake into the blowing of tin horns, hooting and the ringing of a big bell. "What ever is this confounded racket about?" meekly asked one of our number. "Don't know," was all the response he got, until the fact that this was the anniversary of the Independence of the States struck one of our number who then exclaimed, "I'll tell you what it is, boys! it's the Fourth of July." That explained it, and these hoodlums who were making night hideous with their noise and bringing down upon their devoted heads more imprecations and threats than ever boot-jacks assailed the feline soloist were "Yanks," and, as we afterwards discovered, Yale men. Sleep was altogether out of the question, and all we could do was to groan in anguish sore and mutter threats against the invaders of our peace; for what had we to do with George Washington or the fourth of July? One thought alone comforted us, and it also was doomed to fail us—that having begun so early they surely would not keep it up late. At last the noise stopped or we slept in spite of it; but I am inclined to think it was the latter.

The enthusiasm displayed after the orderly ones on the campus had risen and breakfasted was huge and infectious; we all felt more or less proud of our cousins, and no false modesty prevented them from telling us why they should be proud of themselves.

In the afternoon athletic contests were indulged in and prodigies performed. Williams, of Yale, was on all hands acknowledged to bear away the palm. He threw the baseball 365 feet 4 inches, jumped 21 feet 9½ inches and ate a banana, with both hands tied behind him, in 74.5 seconds. The evening entertainment was held in Stone

Hall, and fully 1,500 people were present. The hall was draped with flags and streamers; the various colleges sat together, while the British and Japanese delegations, along with the chairman, Stagg, of Yale, occupied the platform. Speeches were made, songs sung and a long programme very heartily enjoyed. Mr. Mowell, of London, in a most felicitous speech responded to the toast of the evening, "The Ladies." The applause which followed was deafening and testified equally to the popularity of the subject of the toast and of the speaker. Stagg sang "Are You There, Moriarity?" with great eclat. The various delegations sang songs, the British subjects singing "The Maple Leaf for Ever." H. B. Frazer, of Toronto, followed this up by a speech in which he said that "we were glad to see them enjoying themselves, but that we Canadians were true and loyal to Britain's flag and Britain's Queen," gaining great applause. This might seem like too much Canadian patriotism on the event of a fourth of July celebration, but we were bound to contradict one error very prevalent among the American students, viz., that we Canadians were anxious to be annexed to the U.S., and that all they would have to do would be to beckon us over. This part of the evening's entertainment culminated in the yells of the various colleges. The British delegation were called upon and we gave them a rousing, hearty, British cheer, which, as the *Springfield Union* says, "took the palm from everybody." We then adjourned to the campus to enjoy fireworks and to indulge in various other hilarious proceedings.

The time for parting came all too soon, and when at last we bade Northfield adieu it was amid many handshakings and expressions of regret. Two weeks in each other's company had bound the men together wonderfully and given us all a sincere affection for Northfield and its people. We were sorry to part and yet we knew it was better, that we might spread the fame of Northfield further than ever before.

### SOME THOUGHTS ON CLASS SOCIETIES.

Within the short period of less than two years class societies seem to have passed beyond the region of experiment into that of tried and well-established fact. Already the Freshman years, as they come up, bright, enthusiastic, alert to catch their bearings, calmly accept organization as a matter of course, which requires no more serious reflection than does filling in the registrar's forms or joining the Literary Society; while we, who led the way and founded the institution with firm faith in its utility, can watch with pleasure the process of crystallization, certain that, young as the banded brotherhoods still are in our Alma Mater, hoped-for results are already discernible, and believing that all the advantages dreamed of are more than possibilities.

In speaking of Class Societies it must be understood that only those are meant that are properly "Class" Societies, that is, those that include all members of the class, and which, therefore, alone have a right to be so designated.

One consideration we as students can not keep too constantly before our minds, namely, that we come to a university not merely for instruction, but for education—a word which includes all the other and much more. The student who tears himself from his cherished books only to spend an hour at the feet of his chosen Gamaliel, and leaves the disciple's bench only to re-bury himself in his books, may take the highest stand in the class lists, and leave the college the most learned man, but will he leave it the best educated one? Surely he who may claim that distinction, is the man who has learned to combine with steady, faithful work a lively interest in his fellow students and the active life of the college, who has kept his mind open to all the various forms and influences around him, who does not consider as lost an hour spent in discussion

of his own particular work or inquiring into interests less peculiarly his, and who thus, by constant measurement by different standards, is able to form a truer estimate of himself and others, and learns that his standpoint is only one of many from which a question may be considered, so gaining that broad liberality so peculiar to a broadly-cultured mind. It is to the fact that they are, or may be, so conducive to this personal, friendly interest that Class Societies owe their chief value.

Ours being, happily, a co-educational institution our societies must be marked by a feminine element. For here the question is not whether one section of a year shall "invite" another to join an organization of which every student of the year, irrespective of department or sex, is, in the very nature of the case, already a member—a fact which renders an "invitation" somewhat absurd—but whether the organization is to be a class or not. If a year decides that greater advantages and enjoyment are to be reaped from a division, well and good. No one can quarrel with that. But is it not rather egotistic, to say the least, for one section, even though it be the majority, to term itself the class?

And surely one advantage is to be gained from this co-educational feature of our college in a further broadening of the societies, every difference of mind and temperament being of value here. As one bright woman aptly said: "Just as two eyes are necessary in order to get a true perspective, so must all questions be viewed from a womanly as well as a manly standpoint, if we would arrive at the truest conclusion." And surely it would indeed be saying little for our claims as ladies and gentlemen to insinuate that the friendliest relations cannot be maintained without a diminution of mutual respect. Moreover, if something of what was noblest and best in 15th century chivalry creeps into our midst, are we any the worse for that? But under the present condition of affairs it is perhaps to the lady students that the greatest benefit accrues. Whether as the result of natural bent or of old traditions we have in choosing our departments, with comparatively few exceptions, elected for the same course, which simply means that we, mingling among each other, are brought in contact only with minds trained in the same groove, and are to a certain extent shut out from the wide diversity of thought and opinion characteristic of University life, where men choose so many different paths to the same end. Moreover, the life of a girl often has been, and will be, narrower than that of a boy, and, therefore, she can ill afford to neglect any means that may clear her vision or broaden her perspective. It would be a lamentable thing, indeed, if our interest in the college did not extend beyond the Modern Language department, and yet we have but few opportunities, except through Class Societies, of keeping in touch with the other courses. Nothing rouses an interest in any line of work, if we except the actual doing of it, like knowing some person whom that work interests.

Yet, with all their possibilities for good, we should not forget that classes must always be second to Varsity, that the principle which governs them is only a restriction within the range of possibility of a principle which, if it were practicable, might be extended with advantage through the whole college. If this is not kept in mind the result may be narrowing instead of the reverse. These societies are after all only an expediency. If it is impossible for a student to know all his fellow undergraduates, he, at least, may and should know something of every student in his own year.

C. Ross.

An examination in gymnastics is now required of Johns Hopkins undergraduates before a degree is conferred.

The *Notre Dame Scholastique*, from Indiana, is, perhaps, the most scholarly of the exchanges that have reached us so far. It is unusually large for a weekly paper, but it is well supported.

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### THE LITERARY SOCIETY.



WHEN the Literary Society met last Friday evening (Hallowe'en), it was discovered that, although in respect of its corporate capacity it had taken no action, still, in so far as it was composed of the individual members of the student body, the Society had to a great extent adjourned to the gallery entrance of the Grand Opera House. The meeting was enthusiastic and well attended, and was graced by the presence of a large number of visitors from the other colleges of the city. The greatest harmony of action prevailed throughout, and those present passed a most instructive and enjoyable evening.

The meeting assembled at an early hour at the gallery entrance. Neither chairman nor chair being visible on the scene of action, the business of the evening was conducted without the aid of a presiding officer. Several gentlemen, indeed, of unknown identity, but of considerable force and fluency of diction, attempted, at different stages in the proceedings, to assume the position, but without success. The unanimity of the meeting on most of the issues which arose rendered the office of chairman well-nigh superfluous.

The Society having assembled proceeded at once to business. Mr. MacPherson made a motion to pass through the entrance-door. In this he was warmly supported by some five hundred and seventy-five of the members present, and the competition as to who should be his seconder grew so exciting that considerable crowding ensued. One man for whom the strain on his emotions proved too strong, was passed back over the heads of the crowd in a fainting condition, while another gentleman,

after vociferating loudly and attempting to kick down the partition, proceeded to crawl up the wall on his back, feet foremost, uttering wild howls, in the manner of the natives of the archipelagos of the Southern Pacific; after which he subsided into inane resignation. Information as to whether this gentleman was at the time *compos mentis* or no has not been obtainable, but his enthusiasm was beyond question. The entire meeting, indeed, was almost unanimous on this motion, the opposition proceeding, for the most part, from the authorities of the Opera House who definitely refused to open the door. Finally, however, the energetic manner in which the Society pushed the matter overcame their objections and Mr. MacPherson's motion respecting the entrance door was carried.

Thus, having been passed, the Society proceeded at once with the literary programme. It opened with a number of selections by the Glee Club, interspersed with passages of the Scottish Battle-cry, or Slogan, rendered with variations by the members and visitors in concert. This part of the programme was continued to some length, and was well appreciated. After its conclusion, at a signal from the leader of the orchestra, the full chorus gave "The British Cheer" with a fish-horn obligato. This well-known work was magnificently rendered. The attack was very fine, and the fortissimo passages of especial excellence. Owing to some misunderstanding on the part of the management, the orchestra began the rendition of a selection at the same time, but fortunately this was not found to interfere to any extent with the effect of the chorus, except to those sitting in the front rows of the pit, where occasionally foreign sounds from the orchestra must have reached their ears at intervals.

After the conclusion of this number, which lasted for some ten or fifteen minutes, a play entitled "The Little Tycoon" was presented by a company of travelling artists, assisted from time to time by the Society. Of the plot of this play we regret to say that, owing to circumstances not wholly under our control, we have preserved only a very imperfect recollection; but we warmly appreciate the efforts made by the company on our behalf. We feel that our thanks are especially due to the little girl in the blue and white jersey, with yellow hair. Indeed towards the whole party our feelings are those of the warmest gratitude. Their performance was a source of great gratification to us and was loudly applauded throughout.

After the conclusion of this play, as there was no further business to be done, the Society adjourned, having held a highly successful meeting. There was hardly an objectionable feature to be found in the evening's proceedings. We must characterize, however, as reprehensible the practice of throwing plug hats on the stage. Not only does it in some cases injure the hat, but there is often a serious risk of hitting one of the chorus girls. We trust that, now that the students' attention has been called to the dangers involved, the practice will not be persisted in.

A pleasant surprise awaited the members upon issuing from the building. It was then learned that the Literary Society had been holding a second meeting as well, in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, with the First Vice-President, Mr. C. A. Stuart, in the chair. This is another to be added to the long list of instances proving the far-reaching influence and wide resources of this Society. No other Society in Canada, few in America, would have been able to display a meeting equal to either one of the pair, which the Literary Society of Toronto University, without perceptible effort, turned out simultaneously. At this second meeting several business matters came up. The date of the public debate was fixed for the 28th of November. A grant of twenty-five dollars was made to K Company, to be expended in prizes for presentation at the annual rifle match. A Mock Parliament was held with all the due paraphernalia of state, with all the ferocious dignity of opposing leaders, with all the pleasant, useless, playful kicks and queries of members wasting time, their country's and their own. The Mock Parliament apparently exhausted the meeting, for upon its

conclusion a general dispersion took place, delayed only long enough to hear various ministerial warnings of bills impending.

All this we heard from the members who had been present, and who had marched down in a body in order to form a conjunction of forces. The Society, including the visiting students, now filled Yonge Street from side to side for three or four blocks. The numbers were variously computed. A gentleman of the First Year maintained that there were not less than thirty thousand present, of whom ten thousand were Varsity students; but from computations made inside the building we are inclined to consider this estimate excessive. Our own calculation places the number between seven hundred and a thousand. These now marched up the street in a confused mass, formation in line having been found impossible. About Queen Street the Society, hitherto joyous, suffered from an attack of the blues. They arrested a man, but were compelled to disgorge. Later a patrol-waggon sped through the crowd. The students pursued it and ran it down at police station No. 2. This, however, if the word of the police authorities was to be taken, was a false alarm. The throng went on its way rejoicing, to serenade the various institutions in the city devoted to the advancement of female education.

This duty was well and thoroughly performed. By the time the crowd had reached College Street it was sufficiently reduced in numbers to admit of a four-deep procession on each sidewalk, long enough to have three or four different songs going on in different parts at the same time, without excessive clashing. The enthusiasm grew as the procession advanced northwards, until at Bloor Street, it attained its culmination. When Moulton was reached, the men were not to be restrained, but swarmed in over the grounds, regardless of lawn, fences or shrubbery, in a condition of uproarious sentimentality.

Truly it was a noble sight, this spectacle of five hundred students, driven by enthusiasm far beyond all regard for metre or tune, not singing, but yelling, shouting, shrieking frenzied supplications and frantic cries of adoration to the bare dark walls of Moulton, shrouding so much loveliness, while the more ardent sank to their knees and clasped their hands, and one freshman, overcome by excess of emotion, hurled a large sugar-cured ham, procured on Yonge Street by means best known to himself, into the basement. Let us pursue the subject no further. As we write, once again does a tear of melancholy and of unsatisfied yearning trickle down our cheek; once more does our breast heave with loneliness and despair. Alas! Alas! would that we had a girl of our own!

In the end cruel indifference, and the officious interference of the police, accomplished their baleful work. The crowd dispersed. The baser sort, unable to appreciate the finer poetic distinctions, passed down Jarvis Street to serenade aged medical professors. The more refined spirits wended their silent way homeward, reaching their respective houses at very various hours, according to the distance to be travelled and the more or less shattered condition in which they found themselves. Hallowe'en was over. This national festival of "the cream of the culture of Canada," was ended.

The daily newspapers have, with their customary sportive ingenuity, elaborated several accounts of this evening's proceedings, one of which is especially brilliant. These articles are interesting, and we are far from wishing to unduly depreciate the marked ability displayed in their production; but the general effect would be better if the writers were to take into account the intrinsic improbability of statements, to the effect that the manager came up to the "gods" and confiscated their fish horns; or that Hallowe'eners at a serenade "realized the ridiculousness of their position" and dispersed; or that young ladies in a boarding school threw articles of bedding and furniture out of their windows, as mementoes for the crowd. Seriously we think that the students have reason to complain of their treatment by the city dailies. We are to

some extent accustomed to being termed blackguards whenever we go out on a procession; we have grown used to having the occasion of every arrest misrepresented; we are willing to put up with having all the misdeeds of city toughs, who thrust themselves into our celebrations, charged to our account; but we do not like to be falsely described as a pack of noisy blusterers, who followed the patrol waggon, yelling, "but made no attempt to rescue their comrade." It may not be a very creditable exploit to assault the officers of the law; but it is not pleasant to figure as a crowd, which having every *desire* to do so, yet had not courage or energy enough to carry out its desire. You have our full permission, gentlemen of the city press, to designate us, in your playful vocabulary, low-bred blackguards, disturbers of the peace, rowdies, toughs, fools, scoundrels, but we would rather not be called cowards; nor do we care to see our perhaps inconsiderate boisterousness beneath the windows of any ladies, made an occasion for even the most scurrilous of journals to utter an insinuation against them.

#### MEDICAL STUDENTS' MEETING.

A meeting of the medical students of all the years was held in the theatre of the Medical School last Friday evening, Oct. 31st. At 4.30 Mr. Green took the chair. He addressed the meeting for a few minutes, explaining that the meeting had been called by the Sessional Committee to receive nominations for the offices to be filled at the coming Medical Dinner.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted. The chairman's attention was then called to the fact that nomination and election of medical editor, by the medical students, had been requested by THE VARSITY Committee. Mr. McLay, editor-in-chief, was called upon to explain the Committee's request, which he did, asking that two associate editors for the Medical Department of the University be elected. Mr. E. E. Harvey and Mr. Jas. W. Edgar were then nominated for associate medical editors, and elected by acclamation.

The regular business of the meeting was then proceeded with. The nominations were as follows:—

For Chairman: Messrs. C. A. Webster, Boyd, Millard, Barnhardt, Forrest, Macartney. For 1st. Vice-President: Messrs. Campbell, Evans, Moss, Gowland, and J. A. Wilson.

For 2nd Vice-President: Messrs. Wakefield, Austin, Smuck, Storey, Badgerow, McIlwraith, Coleman, J. N. Harvie, McNabb, and McCullough. For Undergraduates' Toast: Mr. T. E. Bennett—elected by acclamation. For Graduates' Toast: Dr. L. Barker—elected by acclamation.

For Ladies' Toast: Messrs. Smuck, W. J. McKenzie, Whitelock, McGarry, R. J. Smith, Elliott and J. N. Harvie. For Freshmen's Toast: Messrs. Ferris, Beckett, Wells, Shurie, Laycock, Alexander and Weir.

The nomination was then closed. It was then moved by Mr. Griffith, seconded by Mr. Boyd, that we have the elections next Tuesday afternoon. Carried. Short addresses were delivered by Messrs. Millard, Barnhardt, Forrest, Macartney, Campbell, Evans, Moss, and others. Messrs. Macartney and Forrest were then elected auditors. They will present their statement at next Tuesday evening's meeting. The meeting then closed.

#### THE HOUSE COMMITTEE.

The following regulations have been drafted by the above Committee: (a) Periodicals shall not be removed from the files; (b) Back numbers may be had from the Curator on Saturdays only. Each member of the Committee is responsible for the filing of papers one day in the week; arranged as follows: Monday—McLay; Tuesday—Duncan; Wednesday—Bunting; Thursday—McCull; Friday—Brown or Vickers; Saturday—Lillie.

## The Sanctum Philosopher.



THE Sanctum Philosopher will be glad to receive any contributions that may be produced by those philosophically inclined among his readers. Short comments upon University matters, notices of books recently published, literary curiosities and the discussion of current events in the literary world will be gladly inserted. Caustic sarcasm of an impersonal nature and cynical reflections on the vanity of human life will be especially welcomed.

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The following quaint pun has been forwarded to me, accompanied, I am proud to say, by two dollars: Two Frenchmen were one day observing a passing funeral. The horse, whose office it was to draw the hearse, appeared restive, and, at length, frightened at the dulcet strains of a hand organ, took madly to its heels, "rider and hearse in one sad burial blent." "Ah, comme c'est drôle," remarked monsieur to his companion, "il a pris le mors entre ses dents."

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Alas! how often are we wounded in our *amour propre!* How often do the tenderest feelings of our nature excite the mockery of the ignorant! It was my lot last week to carry to the Sanctum a bundle of papers bearing on the title page the classic inscription, THE VARSITY. Feeling within my bosom the conscious pride of authorship, I was gazing fondly at the literary babe that nestled in my arms. When about to cross the threshold of the door that leads to Parnassus, I met a horde of urchins pouring from a neighbouring day school. "Say, mister," cried one of the foremost *gamins*, as they surrounded me, "Will you gim'me one of them *handbills*." Oh, ye gods, *HANDBILLS!*

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Many are the interesting souvenirs that have been made from portions of the débris of our great alas. The fragments of the University bell seem to have been the favorite material for their construction. Many students are wearing pieces of the old metal in the place of seals upon their watch-chains. The most unique of such souvenirs that has reached our notice is one possessed by Mr. C. A. Chant of '90. He has had a piece of the metal recast into an inkstand which is in shape an exact miniature of the old bell, shaft and wheel attached. I, myself, cherish similar trophies, a copy of Pliny, which I had out from the library at the time, and a ten cent piece that I had inadvertently carried from the registrar's table on the day preceding the holocaust. I have not yet been able to persuade myself to part with them.

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I have been pleased to see that conversation in Italian has been given a place in our new curriculum. This will truly supply a long-felt want. It is time that the one-sided system of culture which encourages the students to speak nothing more complex than French and German in their everyday life should cease. Let us reach a higher stage of polyglotticism, and let the melodious accents of Italy be heard more often in our corridors.

One of our city dailies, in talking of the occurrences of last All Hallow E'en, eulogizes the conduct of the police declaring that "to their credit, they never lost their heads during the whole disturbance." We would heartily agree with our contemporary in lauding this sublime trait in the minions of the law. Its excellence cannot be too highly extolled, when we considered how useless in a moment of tumult that demands rapid action the average policeman must find his head, we realize that it is only by an act of manly forbearance that he refrains from laying aside his think-tank till the trouble is over.

## THE MODERN LANGUAGE CLUB.

The opening meeting of this Club was held last Monday afternoon in the Y.M.C.A. Hall. There was a very large attendance, the ladies being considerably in the majority. Among the visitors were Prof. and Mrs. Ashley, and E. C. Jeffrey, B.A. The Honorary President of the Club, Prof. Alexander, presided during the presentation of the program, and the President, W. S. McLay, during routine business.

After the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, a large number of new members were proposed. Mr. J. H. Brown, '94, was elected Treasurer, and Miss Beauregard, first year representative on the Executive Committee.

The subject of the afternoon's study was Matthew Arnold. After an excellently-rendered quartette by Messrs Dockray, Little, Edwards and Crosby, accompanied by Mr. Parker at the piano, Miss L. L. Jones read an essay on Arnold's Lyrics. The essayist appeared to have entered thoroughly into the spirit of her subject, and the choice of language in which she clothed her thoughts added to the excellence of her essay. Mr. T. D. Dockray read one of two of Arnold's more representative poems, which served as illustrations of Miss Jones' essay.

Miss McKenzie, '92, followed with a very comprehensive essay, in which she treated the many phases of Arnold's work and character from the view point of a critic. His style, religion, and influence, as exemplified in his poems and prose writings, came under review, and were illustrated by reference to his works.

Prof. Alexander in a few words expressed his approval of the aims of the Club, and advised the members not to fail in their duty to it. As to the author under discussion he thought that his fame would rest mainly on his poetry. One achievement of his had been the introduction of a new verse for lyric poetry.

At the conclusion of Prof. Alexander's remarks, the meeting adjourned. Next Monday afternoon the meeting will be a German one, Schiller being the subject. All students in Modern Languages are cordially invited to attend.

## CLASS OF '92.

The elections of the class of '92 were held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Friday afternoon, with the following result: President, J. H. Lamont; Vice President, Miss Martin (accl.) and W. M. Govanlock; Secretary, A. W. Cameron; Treasurer, F. D. Davis; Historians, Miss Hillock (accl.), V. A. Sinclair; Athletic Board, (Director) R. E. Hooper, D. P. McColl, C. S. Wood; Orator, F. E. Perrin (accl.); Poet, J. A. McLean; Critic, J. McRae; Lord High-cock-a-lorum, Coleman; Prophet, J. F. Evans.

On a Queen West car, University Professor: "Oh, ah, yes the Euclid Feed and Flour Store, I wonder if they draw their supplies over the *Pons Asinorum!*"



## THE FOOTBALL CONTEST.

## FIRST WIN IN THE FINALS.

The match with the Berlin Rangers, which during the past week has been the all-absorbing theme of discussion among football enthusiasts, is now an event of the past, and the most sanguine expectations of our well-wishers have been happily realized. On Saturday the Varsity team won from the Champions of the Western Association by a score of 3 to 2. This lead they will strive to hold and, if possible, increase in the return match, which will in all probability be played on the lawn November 8.

The team, accompanied by a small, but select, body of followers, travelled to Berlin by the G. T. R., occupying a car which, though not in reality a special, was monopolized as such by our unassuming representatives. To say that the boys made their presence known, even to the sleepest occupant of the car, was to speak mildly. The college glees were sung with a gusto calculated to soothe the savage breast of the most stony-hearted conductor, and that they were not on this occasion duly appreciated by that functionary is a source of great surprise to the members of the club. Surely it was such a man as this whom Shakespeare had in mind when he penned the lines, "The man that hath no music in his soul, nor is not moved by concord of sweet sounds," etc., etc.

As the train neared Berlin the high spirits of the boys were dampened by the sight of snow, which continued to fall for the remainder of the day. Arriving at their destination, the team repaired to the American Hotel and proceeded to investigate its facilities for affording an afternoon's amusement. A piano was found and the college songs were once again executed. After an enjoyable afternoon, the eleven dressed and made their way to the Athletic Grounds, accompanied by the Galt contingent of the Rangers.

At 3:45 the teams lined up, while the shivering spectators disposed of themselves on the deserted-looking grand stand. Seeing the ground covered by two inches of snow, all prophesied a loose game, but in this they were agreeably disappointed.

Eshelman kicked off for Berlin, making use of the right wing, which from the start performed its duty efficiently. For some time the ball was carried quickly from one end to another. The Berlin forwards were playing a combined game, while the Varsity made frequent rushes. Fifteen minutes after starting McLay scored the first goal for Varsity by a long high shot. The Berlin forwards now played up, but although they often got near goal, the Varsity defence were doing their duty. The Varsity forwards lost several chances to score. Forty minutes had elapsed when Varsity secured her second goal, Thompson giving the parting kick. About half-time Buckingham and Duncan made a run, the latter centring to McLay. "Doc" being checked, passed to Casey Wood, who seizing the opportunity put the ball through for the third time. The teams changed over, the score standing 3 to 0 in favor of Varsity.

From the kick off Berlin played with the determination of evening the score, and in this they were well-nigh successful. The left wing combined in splendid form, while the right proved equally effective. Shortly after half-time Young and Boehmer securing the ball carried it down to the Varsity goal, where the former sent in a shot which proved too much for Sœnkler. Elated by their success, the Berlin forwards worked hard for another goal and this they got thirteen minutes later, Eshelman doing the needful. No more goals were taken, and time was called at 5:15. About five minutes after time had been called, the referee, informed by an outsider that he had blown the whistle ten minutes too soon, ordered the teams on the field again. Varsity, after some hesitation prepared for play, but it was found that two of their men had already left the field. Under the circumstances the referee decided that nothing could be done, and the teams left the field.

## RUGBY CHAMPIONS.

What is doubtfully called the final tie in the junior series of the Ontario Union, was played off and won by our second fifteen on the Toronto Cricket Ground on Saturday. The Ontarios, of Hamilton, were the opposing force, and were easily defeated by a score of 16 to 8. The team lined up as follows:—Back, Crane; Halves, Gilmour, Bain, Parker; Quarter, Smith; Wings, Moss, Cross, Laidlaw, Claves, McCrae, Boyd; Forwards, Cronyn, McCrae, W. Vickers, Lash, N.; Field Captain, D. Armour; Referee, Bryce McMurrich, of U.C.C.

Varsity won the toss, and took advantage of the wind. After a short interval devoted to scrimmaging, Varsity forced the ball over the line and scored a rouge. A muff by Varsity and dribble by Ontario followed the kick out; Crane fumbled and a try was scored against us, which was not converted. A rouge by Varsity and then Claves succeeded in making a touch-down which Cronyn could not kick. Time was called, with the score 6 to 4 in our favor.

After the usual interval play was resumed, and Varsity had the best of it henceforth. Ryckman succeeded in scoring a try for Ontario, making the score 8 to 6 against us. But this order of things was soon reversed. Vickers made a brilliant charge over the line and scored a try, which Cronyn kicked. Soon afterwards, enveloped in the dim, dull twilight, Vickers and Claves dashed over the line and secured another try, making the score 16 to 8, and so it remained till time was called.

The forwards throughout played a strong, fast game, and were chiefly instrumental in winning the match, most conspicuous among them being Vickers, Claves, Laidlaw, and the two McCraes. Gilmour made the run of the day, and Smith at quarter did his work admirably. Captain Armour handled the team in a masterful manner, and his efforts have contributed in no small degree to the success which has crowned their efforts during the season. There is a chance of the team having to play against the Guelph Agricultural College here next Saturday, although that team was not apparently entered in the series, when it should have been.

## OTHER MATCHES.

Our invincible second fifteen played a return match with the Canadians on Monday, defeating them by a score of 9 to nil. A touch in goal and a try without the privilege of a kick gave Varsity 5 points in the first half. Near the close of the second half Claves scored a try for Varsity which was not converted. The defence of both fifteens played well, the exchange of points being at times brilliant. Varsity was represented as follows:—Back, Crane; Halves, McLaren, Bain, Boyd; Quarter, Smith; Wings, Moss, Cross, Laidlaw, Roseborough; Forwards, Lash, Cronyn, Vickers, Claves, McCrae, Kingston; Field Captain, Don Armour.

Another victory was added to the second fifteen's record on Wednesday, when Upper Canada was vanquished in a muddy game on the lawn by a score of 14 to 7. Play was very even in the first half, the only point scored being a safety touch against the College. Varsity, however, braced up after half-time and scored three tries and a rouge, while U.C.C. got one minor. Varsity lined up as follows:—Back, Word; Halves, Boyd, Bain, Gilmour; Quarter, Smith; Wings, Laidlaw, Vickers, Barker, Moss; Forwards, Cross, Claves, Boulton, Cronyn, Jones, Lash; Field Captain, D. J. Armour; Referee, H. Pope.

K COMPANY.—The University Company paraded with the Battalion for the first time since last fall on Wednesday, October 22nd. The Company turned out very strong and, despite the fact that there had only been one Company drill, made an extremely good showing, being specially complimented by Lieut.-Col. Hamilton when dismissing the parade. It has been decided to hold the Annual Rifle Match next Saturday morning at 9.30. If the day is fine it is expected that there will be a large turnout and some large scores.



## NOTICE.

All reports of meetings or events occurring up to Thursday evening must be in the hands of the Editor by Friday noon, or they will not be published.

## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS.

All subscribers receiving THE VARSITY at the College will find the paper in the Janitor's room, every Tuesday, at or before one o'clock. The students of the four respective years will find their papers in separate bundles, and it is earnestly requested that each student will be particular to take the paper addressed to himself, and that only. Should none be there addressed to him, if he will report the fact to the Business Manager the matter will be rectified forthwith. If each student will do this he will materially aid the manager in the delivery of the paper, and a great deal of confusion and dissatisfaction will be avoided.

## 'MIDST THE MORTAR BOARDS.

A. T. Kirkpatrick, '91, summered in British Columbia, on a geological survey.

Residence defeated Wycliffe at football on Friday evening by three goals to two.

A. T. Kirkpatrick, '91, represented the undergraduates at Trinity Convocation Dinner on Tuesday last.

The ladies of the class of '91 met on Saturday last, and, after some discussion, arranged the subjects of debate for this term.

Miss Wilson will address the Y.W. C.A. at their meeting to-morrow at five. The lady undergraduates are cordially invited to be present.

A. T. Watt, M.D., will be missed in Residence circles this year. He left on the 17th for his old home in British Columbia, where he will practise medicine.

SPECIAL TO FRESHMEN.—Students tutored in Mathematics, Pass and Honor, of first year, 75c. per hour. References given. Apply VARSITY Office.

A. T. Hunter has declined to represent the undergraduates at the inter-collegiate debate with McGill. C. A. Stuart, '91, has been appointed to take his place.

The class of '94 held its second meeting in the parlors of the University Y. M. C. A. on Wednesday afternoon. After the constitution had been read and adopted the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. H. Brown; 1st Vice-President, S. H. Glover; 2nd Vice-President, Miss Brown; Secretary, A. R. Gregory; Treasurer, F. E. Bigelow; Councillors, W. H. Gillespie and Misses Beauregard, Topping and Withrow.

R. K. Barker, '92, passed a pleasant summer in the British Isles, supplemented by a short Continental tour.

The Political Science men of '93 met last Tuesday and organized a Political Science Club. After a constitution had been adopted, the following officers were elected: Honorary President, Prof. Ashley; President, E. B. Horne; Vice-President, W. P. Bull; Secretary-Treasurer, H. A. Little; Councillors, R. S. Strath and K. D. McMillan. Mr. J. M. McEvoy, B.A., was elected an honorary member of the club. Meetings will be held fortnightly for the discussion of questions bearing on the Political Science work.

At the meeting of the Political Science Association of '92 on Thursday the subject—*Resolved*, That the rate of wages should be fixed by the state—was well debated. All seemed to agree that arbitration is the only feasible method for settling differences between the laborer and the employer. Then the discussion turned on the point, should this arbitration be controlled by the state? or, in other words, should the state appoint arbitrators to settle all disputes? The affirmative had slightly the best of it. The next debate on—“*Resolved*, That the Mercantile System was unjustly condemned,” will be held in Wycliffe College on Wednesday at 9 a.m. sharp. Aff., Badgerow and Bethune; Neg., Loughheed and Howell. The attendance at this Association is increasing.

The first meeting of the Philosophical Society of '92 was held in Wycliffe College on Tuesday, the 28th, the President, Mr. W. W. McRae, occupying the chair. There was a full attendance of the class. The program consisted of an essay on Voluntary Movement, by Mr. J. H. Tennant. This paper was a very superior one, and gave evidence of wide reading and a thorough acquaintance with the subject, as well as of great critical ability and deep philosophical insight. Prof. Baldwin, who was present, then gave some very helpful and suggestive remarks on the essay which had just been read. Mr. Shaw offered some very good criticisms. The following bear rule during the current year: Hon. Pres., Prof. Baldwin; Pres., W. J. Shaw; Vice-Pres., Miss McKenzie; Sec.-Treas., E. J. B. Haughton; Councillors, Messrs. Ross and Parr.

Y.M.C.A.—The Y.M.C.A. met as usual on Thursday afternoon. The meeting was on missionary work, with Mr. F. Tracy, B.A., in the chair. Rev. Prof. Wrong, of Wycliffe, and Rev. John McP. Scott spoke. The subject was Gale and Korea, and on account of the character of the meeting a special invitation was extended to the ladies, who turned out in quite large numbers. The meeting was otherwise well attended, and was one of the most

interesting meetings held for some time in the Y.M.C.A. Prof. Wrong spoke on general missionary lines at first, and then, coming down to Korea, he spoke of the debt we owed Gale, of his courage and devotion, and, after reminding the meeting of the lonely life he led, said we owed him a companion. Mr. Scott gave an outline of Mr. Gale's life from the time of his schoolboy days to the present, spending most time upon his work in Korea. He paid a high tribute to the character of Mr. Gale, and explained that our missionary was a pioneer in the part of Korea where he is now settled. The meeting next Thursday is on “The Question that Everybody Must Answer,” Matt. xxvii. 22, and will be led by Mr. John McNicol. A large attendance is looked for, and all are welcome.

The Natural Science Association held its first regular meeting for the session on Monday last in the Biological lecture-room. A communication was read from the Registrar of the University, stating that the medal founded by Mr. W. B. McMurrich, M.A., and formerly awarded to students graduating in Natural Science on the recommendation of the Professors and Examiners, would in the future be granted on the recommendation of the Natural Science Association. The matter will be further dealt with at the next meeting. The resignation of Mr. W. H. Jenkins, B.A., of the office of First Vice-President was accepted. The Association wishes W. H. every success in his new field of labor—that of Science Master in the Owen Sound Collegiate Institute. The President, Dr. Chambers, presided, and read a paper on the “Relation of Physics to Chemistry,” pointing out the intimate relation of these two sciences. Prof. Pike, in tendering the thanks of the Association to Dr. Chambers for his address, referred at considerable length to the course recently established in “Chemistry and Mineralogy,” giving much valuable information regarding this new departure.

## DI-VARSITIES.

Yale receives \$200,000 by the will of the late T. C. Sloane.

The University of Michigan in forty-six years has graduated 10,000 students.—*University News*.

Over five hundred young ladies have applied for admission to Wellesley this fall. The college cannot accommodate more than two hundred and fifty in one class.—*Ex.*

Prof. W. T. Harper, Professor of Hebrew in Yale, and for the past few years a popular lecturer at Chautauqua, has been selected as President of the Baptist University at Chicago.