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HE admiration which our new cut has caused will be our apology for a few words in regard to the JOURNAL. While this admiration is fresh and while the students are still expressing their satisfaction at the change we take this favourable opportunity to criticize our own Journal. Besides, we are approaching the end of the session, and perhaps this criticism and a few suggestions may help to make the Journal worthier of the name and the handsome cut she bears. Two years ago the students thought that a weekly form would be fresher and more interesting than the old fortnightly. Accordingly the change was made. We have now had two years' experience of the weekly. The result has been a larger subscription list in the College, but perhaps we have looked to this end too much and have forgotten that outsiders also have an interest in the Journal. These two facts we now propose to consider.

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What impression is the JOURNAL in its present form likely to make on outsiders, particularly on students of other Colleges who receive it as an exchange? Not a very favourable one, we fear; yet it is one of the important functions of a College Journal to represent in a favourable light to outsiders the University by whose students it is published; for by it to a great

degree the University is judged. As for our exchanges, no one save the exchange editor studies them very carefully, and we presume that it is much the same in other places; it is more their ontward appearance and a general summary of their contents that is taken into consideration. Viewed from this standpoint our own Journal is, we regret to say, as to appearance small, flimsy, and of mediocre paper and as to contents scrappy.

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But what, as a matter of fact, has been the effect of the change upon our exchanges? In the first place we do not receive nearly so many of the first class as we formerly did. We have still some, but a great number have dropped off, and in their stead we get the Journals of smaller and comparatively insignificant Colleges, which are well enough in their way, but by no means replace the old.

Secondly, from those that do remain we do not receive as much notice as before, and what we do get is for the most part unfavourable. Glasgow University Magazine and Edinburgh Student are indeed exceptions, but we had given them so much praise previous to their favourable comments on ourselves that their criticisms can hardly be considered as other than a return. Our praise for them was indeed fully justified, but nevertheless rather prejudices what they say of us. The amount of notice given us, however, by Journals of any sort has greatly diminished since the weekly form was adopted; much smaller Universities than Queen's publish Journals that make a far greater show, and get much longer and more favourable comment; a state of matters which may not much concern the average student subscriber, who cares not at all for the form provided he is given plenty of jokes on his fellow-students, with which he is the better pleased the more personal they are, provided he himself escapes; but which cannot but give outside Colleges, and their students who look at the exchange table, a poor opinion of Queen's,

if they judge her by the only criterion they have at hand, her Journal.

We will continue this subject in our next issue and endeavour to point out the remedy.

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No doubt the members of the Senate greatly appreciate all the suggestions which they receive through the columns of the Journal, and we are sure that if they would only act upon them, our University would soon be as nearly perfect as an institution of it kind could be. Of course we do not expect the Senate to accept all the propositions towards improvements which we make from time to time, but if the Journal is a students' paper in the correct sense of the term, it is the only medium through which we can make our own peculiar wants and wishes known to that august and awful body which holds our destinies in its power.

The Senate has made many splendid changes and improvements in the calendar; it has varied the courses in the curriculum so that a student can revel in options and specialties to his heart's content, but we are not sure but that the tendency in all this is to increase the amount of work, especially in some of the honour courses, to such an extent that the term is not long enough for its accomplishment. Now this brings us to our text, viz: the length of session and its suitability to the amount of work that has to be gone through. We might say that we have not even the faintest hope that the Senate will ever lengthen the session, but we can, and hope that it will not, increase the amount of reading required in any of the courses to such an extent that students will be bothered to get over it all in the time prescribed. We have a great weakness for a long term, and our ideal college session would be one in which there was time enough and to spare, not only for the ordinary routine work but for outside reading and study in other subjects than those in which we may be specially engaged. In our present short session, crammed so full of necessary reading as it is, the honour student in Science, Classics, Mathematics or Philosophy has hardly time enough at his disposal to read even the daily newspaper, not to mention any standard works of literary and general value. And it is a fact that many an honour student goes out of college in complete ignorance of many of the ablest efforts of the world's great men, simply because in his course he was so slavishly tied down to his particular line that in the few weeks he was at college he could get no time for this private reading, which goes to make a well balanced and well informed man.

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Under the present conditions we see no way out of the difficulty except for the student who is so cramped for time during the college session to make use of the summer holidays for his outside and general reading. Verily, we do long for a lengthened term, in which a student can get over his work nicely, and yet feel that that he has time for outside work not specially bearing on his course, but which nevertheless has a certain place in the really well educated mind. In our own case we have tried to get over a certain amount of such reading in connection with an honour course of a very special kind, but we must confess that our efforts have been in vain, and aside from what general reading we have been able to do in vacations, our education has been confined to the one groove in which we began. This ought not so to be! And until something is done to remedy the case, let us impress upon every honour student especially the necessity of making use of vacations as a means for widening and broadening the mental scope so that the inevitable tendency to an unsymmetrical development which an honour course too often implies may be as much as possible overcome.

## COLLEGE NEWS.

## A. M. S.

HE Mock Parliament, which so far seems to create much interest, is one of the several reasons for the good attendance at the meetings. The principal business of the Society was the receiving of bills, consisting of the following: A bill from Mr. Pense, which was dated back for several years, and contained items which belonged to nearly every other society in the college. A bill from Mr. Leader for picture frames. Both were left over for examination. The bills of Mr. Reid and Richardson, amounting to \$4.50, were ordered to be paid. The bill for the new

JOURNAL cut, amounting to \$8, was ordered to be paid. The expense of repairing the bell wire, cut during an open meeting, will also be paid by the Society.

Mr. G. E. Dyde moved that a memorial be sent to Mr. Calvin, to be brought before Parliament, that the duties at present imposed on books be repealed. This was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hugo moved that the Executive cooperate with Mr. Connery in regard to an open meeting on Friday evening next.

Mr. Shortt's motion to rescind the motion changing the name of the JOURNAL was defeated, only two voting for it.

The Mock Parliament was then opened. The matter of theatres was again debated, and at last the Opposition withdrew their motion, acknowledging that the matter was ultra vires.

Mr. Kellock for the Opposition brought in a bill proposing to abolish the Military College. This bill called forth speeches from two members of the first year. The debate was adjourned.

The last matter was the impeachment of a member by the Opposition. A committee will consider his case and report next meeting.

### DIVINITY HALL.

The proposed reunion on the plan of that of last year is all the talk. Such gatherings cement friendship and are pleasant resting places for the eye and mind in backward glances in future years. There was a hearty spirit last year and pleasure all round. The occasion was an oasis in the desert of our ordinary life. May that of this year be as enjoyable.

Not having the advantage of College Residence, it is only by such meetings that that brotherly feeling can be cultivated which we all feel it so important to have. But in the world, with our hands full of its stern work, we shall inevitably find trouble enough. Let us banish it for one night.

"'Tis time to sigh
When storms are nigh,
But for us the sky is clear;
So while we may
Enjoy to-day,
Nor dream of grief or care."

Apologetical study has a singular fascination for one. The author of "Rob and his Friends" defends the boys who linger about while a dog-fight is in progress on the ground that they do so not from cruelty but from love of physical prowess. It is, perhaps, from this combative instinct or from love of the display of mental agility that one takes to the study of theological thrusting and parrying. One likes to feel himself superior to unbelievers for the time being, and is pleased to think how firmly founded his own faith is.

Yet, perhaps, in zeal of this sort there is often a lack of discretion. Looked at deeply it is seen that men who oppose themselves to what the Christian believes to be the truth are just as honest, as a class, and, perhaps, if honest, may be as much the servants of God and of the truth as we who have come to what we believe to be the firm ground of positive belief. We hope that it is true that

"Error is but truth in the making."

## BYSTANDER.

We understand that the recent "Conference" lectures on the Reformation are to do duty for this year's Church History. The boys are beginning to wonder what kind of an exam. can be given and what percentage can be required. At present, with regard to the Reformation, we are impressed with the belief, "Omnes multa ignoramus."

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The other day, before the second bell had tinkled, Bystander happened to enter the class in Honour English, and heard a lady remark: "Do you know we have received but three lectures on Browning, and the last one was on Ash Wednesday—a holiday." Just then another remarked: "The professor gives such complete criticisms that I do wish we could get our essays back before the exams begin." Having heard much of the extent of the Professor's work, of his preparing new lectures, etc., etc., Bystander wondered if the above remarks were sympathetic.

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The covers procured by the curators for the magazines and periodicals of the Reading Room "fill a long felt want." Before the appearance of covers these same magazines, with their dog ears and torn leaves, looked as if they were used by Vandals rather than by students. Since last session our Reading

Room has in many particulars approached towards its ideal. Nor is it here alone that the comfort of the students has been studied. The change in the delivery of mail and the freedom of access to the Library have been duly appreciated. If the Senate would but provide seats for the hall between the English and Mathematical rooms our cup of happiness would almost run over.

Bystander.

## ALUMNI CONFERENCE.

In JOURNAL No. 15 we gave Rev. R. Mc-Kay's views of the changes since he left Queen's. This week we publish impressions of the recent Alumni Conference, which Rev. G. M. Milligan, B.A., '92, has kindly given at our request.

Perhaps some of the readers of the JOURNAL might like to peruse a few jottings, giving some of the impressions produced on the minds of some of those who took part in the late Conference.

The Conference could hardly yield other than valuable results. It brings men of all years together and thereby develops a genuine healthy living esprit de corps, which cannot help raising in the minds of our ministry the standard of ministerial qualification and privilege. It furnishes a strong incentive to younger men to keep up the habit of study acquired at school and college. It helps to secure the same good to older men, with the additional advantage of finding out where they were wise or unwise, clear or hazy in the conceptions they have reached in studies pursued since leaving college. These Conferences, too, may open up new fields of profitable inquiry to old as well as young men, for are not "the sons of the morning" always young? Why should a creature like man, possessed of "the powers of an endless life," ever strike work? The danger, however, attending mental activity in professional life is in its results becoming varied but undetached. Such Conferences tend, in the most potent way, to counteract such an evil by giving the mind an impetus and taste for systematic mental work.

Professorial work induces thinking, of a type keenly analytic and rigorously systematic. Coming, therefore, in contact with professors, especially on their own lines of research, helps a man greatly to detect his errors of commission and omission in studies in which he may have acquired an interest.

The reading of papers by the members was especially valuable. It enabled the professor to find where a man stood, and thus in the best way reach him to render him help. A man, too, saw himself in the light of keen, graduated thought, a gift of unspeakable advantage, because helping us to see ourselves as in some measure the best minds see us in relations they are best able to judge what is true. A man who thinks more of his growth than his skin will always welcome such dis-In future Conferences perhaps closures. changes for the better might be made in the preparation and discussion of papers. Men might be left to feel freer than they even were in the late programme to choose the themes upon which they might write. A committee might be selected to arrange the details connected with the reading of papers. Of course this would involve the sending forward of papers to the committee much earlier than was done lately. A rare privilege was enjoyed by the members of the Conference in their private interviews with the different professors. The affable and painstaking attitude of mind displayed by the professors on these occasions is beyond all praise. The development of Queen's since my day is simply marvellous. The young men within her walls to-day enjoy advantages "more precious than gold." By appreciating them will they best reflect honor upon their Alma Mater. To the principal and professors I may venture to express, on behalf of every member who attended the late Conference, our keen appreciation of their endeavors to make our sojourn among them a season of social enjoyment and of rare spiritual and intellectual benefit.

G. M. M.

Toronto, Feb. 28th, 1893.

## Y. M. C. A.

Harry Fair led the prayer meeting on Friday afternoon. The subject, "Conversion," was handled with skill and great earnestness. Several of the members offered suggestions on the subject, and the meeting on the whole was one of the most profitable and enjoyable of the session.

## DIVINITIES.

This gentleman will introduce himself.

"My name is 'Denis Great Scott Connery; On the Belfast hills my father feeds his—...

(I'd let you know this is not a corruption of the original "Dennis Conroy.")

I'm a B.A. from Manitoba College and the famous Irish School of Elocution.

We take the gentleman's word for it and proceed with his biography. He came to this country in the interest of Home Rule, and has travelled from the Atlantic to the Pacific, like a modern prophet, unburdening his soul in these fateful words:

"Bells! bells! Bells of all kinds, high and low,
Bells by Edgar Allan Poe:
Bells all cracked and bells unbroken,
Marriage bells by the same token."

It is said he has had many offers, "which he did thrice refuse"—and "over went another sand bag" every time.

This gentleman, with 40 H.P. lungs, has a wind supply greater than any other in the class. He is destined to climb high; "yea to chimney tops," and let us hope even higher still—" for we are his countrymen."

Next comes our only successful candidate for imperial favour, the only man in the class who needs no padding, nor pocket weights, nor high heeled boots, to bring him up to the standard.

Great Cæsar's ghost chuckled:

"Let me have men about me that are fat; Sleek headed men, and such as sleep o' nights,"

and turning to James Madill he exclaimed:—
"Thou art the man."

(Yet this is the man who puts a dinner at the Frontenac on a par with chicken stealing.)

James is a thorough believer in immediate inspiration as the great source of all good sermons, and quotes his favourite poet with great feeling:

"What's a' the jargon o' your schools, Your Latin names for horns and spoons? Gie me a spark o' nature's fire, That's a' the learnin' I desire."

Having fulfilled the apostolic injunction regarding 'one wife,' he believes himself justified in assuming the office of a bishop, and accordingly is now in charge of Classic Oxford.

Needless to say, James is not a fossil; he believes in keeping abreast of the times, and has even been known to take notes in anticipation of the Principal's next remark. These extra notes are never likely to be brought up in court against him, however, as they are all covered up by a cabalistic ETC.

A square set man and honest: and his eyes An outdoor sign of all the warmth within.

One day in November, 1890, a little lad with sunny locks, and a winning smile, walked into Divinity Hall with an ink bottle and a note book.

The patriarch looked at him, and, as he thought of his own little boy at home, led him to a seat.

The grave professor asked him if he wanted anything, and the boy said, "Yes'm, I want to be a minister." Such was the initiation of Charles H. Daly, B.A., into the mysteries of "The Saints' Rest."

The Doctor of Divinity said very quietly:

"So soon the child a youth, the youth a man, Eager to run the race his fathers ran."

After Charlie had given him a few posers, however, the Doctor changed his opinion of "the boy," and exclaimed aloud:

"How much more older art thou Than thy looks!"

"The boy makes the man." Mr. Daly is now a grave and reverend divine. Despite the trials and worries of these three years, Mr. Daly has retained the old time heartiness of voice and manner. When you meet him you are not surprised at the impression that has been recorded in the log-book of the Levana Society:

"A man he is, to all the ladies dear, For whom we'd work art slippers all the year."

He has always been a good worker in the College, and even when engaged in mortal struggle with "Physics, the Gorgon," he never shirked duty on the plea of "no time."

Who does not wish him well? And who is not confident that the wish is likely to be realized?

It is generally quite easy to distinguish professor and student. One wears an I am look, while the other can only muster up a sort of maybe. This rigid rule finds its exception in Neil McPherson, M.A. He has frequently been mistaken for the other man.

Neil is a living example of the transfixing power of ideas and ideals.

Somebody has said "the Scotch have the knack of combining religion and whisky." Neil has not dishonoured his ancestors in the

mixture he has made, except in the fact that he has substituted philosophy for whisky. The result of this new combination is a most admirable balance, compared with which Aristotle's "mean" is a wild extravagance.

It has been said that Highlanders have no pugnacity, but such a statement must be taken cum grama salis. This natural characteristic, Neil has also turned to good account, and his skill in the Apologetics class room has earned for him the title, fidei defensor. The punster claims that this should be read from the professor's desk, as, "fightee I—de fencer," since Neil insists "There is a point right here!"

Neil's mellifluent tones, his probity and genius assure us that the honour and welfare of Queen's will be zealously guarded by the valedictorian of '93.

Having finished with the children of the church, there remains to be described "The strangers within the gates."

Rev. Luther M. England, B.A., is a disciple of Linnaeus from McGill, and pastor of one of the Methodist churches in the city. He has found time to take some classes with great regularity. We trust he is none the worse for his three years' sojourn amongst us, and if he has profited as much as we have been brightened by his presence, it is well.

T. J. Thompson is another of the same stripe, but as he intends to lengthen out his stay, we reserve him for the tomahawk of a future chronicler.

#### ARTS.

In this number we present to our readers the biographies of the Arts Class of '93. The most of the Meds. and Divinities have had their glories told, and lo, a greater than Solomon is here. Never has so renowned a year passed from our College Halls. Whether they be famous as they themselves say, or notorious as '94 calls them, the fact of their celebrity is undoubted. They are confessed to contain more freaks to the square yard than any other year that now is or has been in College. But let them speak for themselves.

James R. Fraser, the most modern of the wise men from the east, unites in one personality all the suavity of a Grant, the inner-self

consciousness of a Cappon, and the fundamen. talism of a Watson. Following the scriptural injunction to veil the wisdom of the serpent under the mask of the harmless dove, he hides under an exterior of frank simplicity not only the wisdom of the wise, but also a large measure of the wary prudence of the wide-awake man of the world. In philosophy, politics and religion he takes a neutral position, and as it is hard to say of the wind where it cometh and whither it goeth, so it is very difficult to say what J. R. thinks in his heart of hearts, and which way he will vote. He has held the offices of president of his year and of the Y. M. C. A., which is a proof of his fellowstudents' appreciation of his ability and worth. His career, so auspiciously begun, will continue through Divinity Hall, which he will leave with the certainty of occupying some distinguished position in the church.

Nobody knows much about J. W. Johnston, the next man on the list. He comes from Athens, Ontario—a charming country town in the vicinity of Delta. He is, therefore, an intimate friend of Guy Curtis, whom, indeed, we wished to write up this biography, but Guy declined.

He is popularly known as "little Johnston." to distinguish him from "Aristotle," and from "big Johnston, the medical." On '93's Football team this session he was one of the star forwards who carried the year's colours to the front. He is an honour man in science, and a good one at that.

A. B. Ford is likewise an honour man in science, and one of the most faithful workers in the College, so that we predict for him a high standing in the spring. As to his appearance about the halls, Chaucer described him long ago:

"Nowher so busy a man as he there was, And yet he seemede busier than he was."

This has been in the Journal before, but it so exactly describes Alec that we have been forced to repeat it. In the A. M. S. he is just a little too dignified, and given to the excessive use of such phrases as "ah," "ahem," "you know," etc. On account of his demeanor and manner of wearing his hair, he is generally known as "Slick," but has enough solid worth to be able to let such remarks glide off without feeling hurt.

W. G. Irving has, during the last four years, grown so fond of the Limestone City that he has resolved not to graduate with the rest of us, merely in order that he may pass another session in Kingston; at least so he says. There are two Willies, the Willie with the girls and the Willie with the boys. The former was never known to do anything but assent to whatever the lady said; the latter on the contrary is apt to imitate St. Peter and "deny with an oath." In fact, we have heard him called "a would-be satirist, a low buffoon," but this is unjust, as his errors arise purely from excess of animal spirits, and not from any malice prepense. He is young yet, and will doubtless improve as he grows older.

R. C. McNab is popularly known as "Sporty." We think that in a previous number of the JOURNAL he was noticed under that name.

A. E. Knapp is rather hard to describe, as most of his qualities are negative. He has tried for the past four years to become wise, but if he has succeeded keeps the results exclusively to himself. However, he is a well-meaning lad, who will never do anybody any harm, so that he will perhaps get on better in the world than many others who have cut much more of a dash in Queen's.

## PROF. WATSON'S ADDRESS.

Prof. Watson's address on Sunday afternoon was a rich treat, and will increase the value of this year's pamphlet very materially. His text was in Ecclesiastes 1: 2, his subject being "The Lesson of Ecclesiastes."

After some general remarks on the value of introspection at certain periods, the speaker said: It has occurred to me that perhaps not a little future perplexity and despondency may be spared some here present if it can be shown that a representative pessimist . . . really bears indirect testimony to the principle, first clearly proclaimed by Christianity, that all things are an expression of the love and goodness of God. The times of Ecclesiastes were shown from internal evidence to have been dark and trying, but amid all the gloom Ecclesiastes never lost faith in God.

His conclusion shows this. He finds that there still remains the joy of duty, the unalloyed affection of the home circle, and delight in the beauties of external nature. The superiority of this conclusion was shown by contrast with that of the epicure or the cynic, or even that of a merely superficial optimist. In the same way he brought out the limitations of Ecclesiastes by contrast with the broad conception of life presented in Christianity. The address closed with an earnest appeal to young men that they should live nobly and unselfishly. "The real foes of our age are not Science, Art and Philosophy . . . but sordid aims, faction and sectarianism."

The address was replete with good things, and it ought to find a wide circulation.

The programme for the balance of the session is as follows:

March 12th—Rev. Herbert Symonds, Rector of Ashburnham.

March 19th-Rev. Prof. Ross, B.D.

March 26th—Rev. Dr. Gracey, Rochester. April 2nd—Prof. Shortt.

April 9th—Rev.G. J. Low, Rector of Almonte.

April 16th—Principal Grant.

April 23rd—Baccalaureate, by the Rev. Dr. Williamson.

### COLLEGE NOTES.

We were glad to see John around on Saturday. Though not strong enough to resume his duties, he came up to see if things were in good shape.

Why do they call me the member from Greenland?—Cheeky M-nroe.

Quite a few of the boys have been absent through illness. K. J. McDonald is at present in the hospital. Messrs. Grant, Watson, Norris, Herbison and Burns are among the absent ones.

Messrs.Fortescue,'96, and Bretner,'96(Med.), are in the hospital suffering from fever.

There is an interesting article in *The Week* for February 24th, entitled: "A Parson's Ponderings Concerning the Higher Criticism," by Rev. G. J. Low, Episcopal clergyman at Almonte. The writer speaks very highly of the addresses delivered in Convocation Hall last year by Professor Briggs and the Principal, which, he says, tend rather to strengthen than

to destroy the sacred character of the Bible. The article is cleverly written and well worth reading.

Quite a number of the boys would like to know what has been done with the money which the Alma Mater Society granted last fall, to be used in improving the Medical Reading Room. Some say that most of it went to help in defraying the expenses of the Medical dinner, but we don't believe that such is the case. We hope that the Æsculapean Society will settle the matter by reporting to the Alma Mater Society as to what use was made of the money.

In dressing for the recent carnival, one of the Divinities darkened his face with Diamond Dyes. Before he got the stuff off, he was firmly convinced that Diamond Dyes are fast colors.

Prayers in the College Class Room should be administered with great reverence. So ought hanging.—Rev. G. M. Milligan.

College amenities (as seen on the walls of the upper chamber): "'Rah, '95." "Bah! '96."

The old order of things is being reversed in Senior Philosophy. It is runnored Mr. S——th is getting a poser ready for Dr. Watson that will take him two or three weeks to unravel.

A party of students enjoyed the hospitality of Miss Wilson, at Wilton, a few weeks ago. A most enjoyable time was spent, and, as the roads were in fine condition, the drive out and back added much to the pleasure.

Professor in Physics class (experimenting in electricity):—"Now, if you all join hands I shall give you a shock; of course there is no danger except for those whose heart is affected."

John McKinnon (blushing violently) slips from the circle and sits on a back seat.

### PERSONALS.

E. J. Etherington, B.A., Valedictorian for the Class of '91, was in the city, not long ago, attending the Convention of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. He is studying Theology in Wycliffe College, Toronto.

James Carmichael, '87, is practicing law in Chicago.

We are always pleased to note the advancement of any who have spent a season with us. The latest is that of Rev. R. E. Knowles, of Ottawa, who was lately called to Fort Massey Church, Halifax, but refused, has recently had his salary raised from \$1,200 to \$1,500 a year.

Alex. Bethuue, '90, enclosed a dollar to us, hoping it would arrive safely, Providence and P.O. clerks permitting. That is all we can say about him as he did not mark his address.

The JOURNAL regrets to hear that Mr. A. N. Barker, of the final year in Medicine, has recently been bereaved of his father, Mr. G. S. Barker, Portobello, Scotland. We extend to him our sincerest sympathy in his affliction.

Another!! On Tuesday, February 13th, Rev. T. B. Scott, B.A., M.D., and Miss Mary McCallum, M.D., all of Queen's, were married at Maxville, Ont., the home of the bride. Rev. Mr. McCallum performed the ceremony, and our old friend, J. F. Scott, '90, supported the fragile groom. Our friends will spend a few weeks in Canada before leaving for Ceylon, where they will enter upon the Foreign Mission work.

The Rev. W. G. Mills, B.A., is seriously ill in Vancouver, B.C.





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