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#### Some Unsolved Problems in Science.

N reading the heading of this article, I am astonished at my presumptuousness in venturing to treat a subject so boundless within the limits of these few short pages. My only excuse lies in the first word of the title. If, too, the choice has been to present rather the negative side of scientific attainments, may I say that it has been done more for the purpose of heightening the brilliancy of past achievements than with any desire to point out in a pessimistic manner, the apparently insuperable obstacles across the path of further progress. Indeed, it is impossible for one to read of the advances made in science during the last decade without looking to the future with the highest degree of optimism.

Should you ask me to state the great unsolved problem before the scientist of today, I would not hesitate to say at once that it is the same old question which has always puzzled men, namely,what is matter? To day we seem to be very near the answer. No equal period of time since the beginnings of science has carried us so far towards the solution as has the interval since December, 1895, and early 1896 when Rontgen first made his communication regarding X-rays and Besquerel submitted his discovery of rays emitted by certain substances. It is true that, barring the discovery of radium by M. and Mme. Curie and its separation from Joachimsthal pitchblende, there has been no widely heralded research work during these years. But, thread by thread, patching here and mending there, scientists have woven together a great fabric of convincing theory. It is in connection with this theory of matter that many interesting problems are found, and these I hope to suggest by pointing out something of what has been done.

A few years ago, the fundamental conceptions were that matter is composed of aggregations of minute particles, called molecules, the molecules of any particular substance being all alike and different from the molecules of any other substance. The molecules, in turn, were believed to be aggregations of still smaller particles called atoms, but the atoms of any molecule were thought to be indivisible. Hence, any substance of which atoms could be obtained having the same nature as the substance, was considered to be an element. Hydrogen, lithium, copper, lead, and many more substances (about 85 in all) were believed to be elements.

Then, too, the nature of electricity was very much in doubt. Numerous theories had been advanced and many of them were workable and agreed with the knowledge then available. belief has always been present among scientists of the first rank, that electricity is a substance just as air and water are substances. Helmholtz stated definitely, "If we accept the hypothesis that the elementary substances are composed of atoms, we cannot avoid the conclusion that electricity is divided into definite elementary portions which behave like atoms of electricity." This conclusion has been borne out by experiments, many of them made possible by the discovery of X-rays and radioactivity. We know, for example, that it is possible to filter the conductivity out of a gas by passing the gas through cotton-wool, just as we would separate two chemical substances. Not only has it been determined that there are such "atoms" of electricity but, also, the mass of one of these atoms has been measured and its inherent effect or "charge" has been determined. Each of these units of electricity-"corpuscles" as they have been called—has a mass only one onethousandth part of the mass of the smallest known atom, the atom of hydrogen! They may be produced, in fact have been produced in many ways from many substances, and whether split off from one element or from another, whether produced by cathode rays, or from incandescent metals, or in whatever manner obtained, the corpuscle is always the same. Since identical corpuscles are broken away from widely different elements and are so much smaller than any known atom, it is thought that the atoms of the chemical elements are composed of still other structures, namely, systems of corpuscles. This theory has very conclusive arguments in its favor.

It may be shown in a multitude of ways that the atoms of different chemical elements do have something in common, and led by the splendid researches of Sir J. J. Thomson of Cambridge University, a model of the atom structure has been made, with a mental picture painted of the differences between the atoms of various elements. Briefly, each atom is believed to consist of a sphere of positive electrification, containing within itself varying numbers of corpuscles, or units of negative electricity, the system being in equilibrium. The number and arrangement of the corpuscles within the sphere determines the nature of an atom. For example, the atom of mercury contains some two hundred thousand (atomic weight of mercury multiplied by the number of corpuscles in an atom of hydrogen, approximately) corpuscles or electrons. The spaces between the electrons must be enormous in comparison with the mass of the electron itself. Each electron has an orbit, similar to that of one of our planets, and no doubt performs several billion revolution in a second. In fact, we may well imagine an atom as being of a structure resembling our solar system and, if we were to enlarge the atom to the magnitude of the solar system, an electron would be of the magnitude of the earth, while the distances between the electrons would be comparable to the solar spaces.

Such a theory as dimly outlined above has been greatly strengthened by the recent observations and experiments of both Sir J. J. Thomson and Sir William Ramsay. Thomson has shown mathematically that such an atom structure having the electrons rotating with uniform speed would become unstable owing to the radiation of energy, and it would either break up with the expulsion of one or more corpuscles or the arrangement of the corpuscles within the atom would change. In either case a new element would be formed. Research in stellar physics shows that this merging of one element into another is taking place in nature. Some of our best known elements even now exist in the stars in a modified form, and we have there "proto-iron," "protomagnesium" and other similar substances.

Experimentally Ramsay showed conclusively the formation of helium from radium emanation. Later, the same scientist showed the formation of carbon dioxide where no carbon and no oxygen existed. Recently, he has offered proof that he has rendered one of the argon group unstable with the resulting formation

of another member of the same group. Some good evidence has

been given that lithium has been formed from copper!

Thus far has science gone in the years just past. That matter is electricity and that electricity is a substance seem to be indisputable. That electricity is formed by ether in motion seems to be probable. The nature of the motion we do not know. The nature of the ether we must learn even better than we know it now. We must learn to separate the atoms at will into electrical corpuscles, and we must find a way to determine with certainty how the corpuscles may be formed from the ether. Whence comes the energy of the corpuscle? We have believed that energy cannot be created, yet the study of radium shows us the tremendous store of energy in an atom.

The study of the ether, the analysis and synthesis of the atom are the great absorbing tasks ahead. May the new year see the progress of the past year equalled!

R. P. Clarkson.

#### The Value of the College Song Book.

AVE Acadia men enough Acadia spirit? We hear a great deal in these days about the "college spirit," but does it manifest itself as it should at Acadia? Many say not.

When some intercollegiate or other special game is played, or when our debating team is contesting with another college, and we are filled with enthusiasm, fellows everywhere are heard humming our debating or football songs, and through them the college spirit is felt and manifested, but at other times the college songs are very seldom heard. I believe that nearly every man has the Acadia spirit,—the trouble is, he allows it to remain latent, except, as I have pointed out, on special occasions.

We do not sing enough college songs.

I have noticed both at Sackville and at Fredericton, that the students gather about the corners and campus to sing their songs.

Several years ago I heard some students singing in Fredericton one night. They had gathered in three groups at different corners. First one crowd would sing a verse, then the second, and third, all joining in at the chorus. I have long since forgotten the song, but I still remember the feelings it aroused in me, as the words of that song floated out upon the calm frosty air.

Every college man should have a song book and use it. It will develop the college spirit, and from him it will be transmitted to others, for the college spirit is contagious.

Perhaps we have never thought of the song book as one of the greatest mediums of advertisement. A fellow goes home and sings the college songs, his younger brothers and sisters learn the tunes, from the book they learn the words, their friends learn the words, their friends learn them, and right there is born their first yearnings for the life those songs suggest, and that longing grows until those boys and girls will not be satisfied with anything but a college life, and soon they come to the college. I venture to say there are many fellows at Acadia today, who are here because at some earlier period of their lives they heard Acadia songs, and were filled with a desire for an Acadia life. This is true of almost every college, and shows the need of our making an extra effort to circulate our books.

If this is a point in which Acadia men have been lacking in the past, it behooves us to make a new start, buy a song book for ourselves and friends, and learn the college songs.

S. W. S., '15.

#### A Legend.

ERY few campers can boast of never having encountered a spell of bad weather while under canvas, and I am not among the few. One autumn I left my office in the city and went back to the mountains alone for a week's camping. The spot I chose for my tent was on the slope of a lofty, rugged ridge. Through the boughs of the trees I could see over a great belt of country, with mountains stretching away on either side, and away in the distance lay the blue ocean.

Evening was coming on when I got my little camp set in order. Storm clouds had obscured the setting sun, and soon the unbroken mass of clouds seemed to hang over the darkened earth like a blanket. Then followed three days of steady, pouring rain. In each gully and ravine along the mountain side, violent streams went foaming down their courses. The trees dripped incessantly, and it was with great difficulty that I kept the water from invading

my tent. Fortunately I had laid in a good supply of dry wood before the storm began, so I was not without a good fire.

On the third day, while I was clearing up the remains of my little dinner and listening to the rain pouring down, apparently harder than ever, I was startled to hear a footstep outside, and then the flaps of my tent were pulled aside and an old Indian, wrapped in dripping blankets, silently entered and seated himself before my fire. I passed the time of day with him, but he merely grunted in response, and spread his hands before the fire, evidently much more interested in the fire than in me. Then as he continued to peer into the flames in a moody silence, I went on with my work. When I had finished, I sat down opposite my strange visitor and, after filling my pipe, handed the pouch over to him. He took the tobacco, filled his pipe, and started smoking with great satisfaction. Then for two hours he smoked and I smoked, neither of us speaking a word or even changing positions, and all the while the rain continued to pour.

Finally, desiring a change, and being beaten at his game, I took out my violin and started to play. After playing for a while, I happened to remember a song I had heard sung by a band of wandering Indians several years before, and I played it through. When I had finished, the Indian, who had listened to the last piece with great interest, suddenly aroused himself, shook out his pipe and started singing an old legend of his people, the story of which I shall attempt to narrate as accurately as my memory will permit.

"Many, many summers ago, before the Palefaces were born, and when forests, rivers and plains were the hunting ground of my people, away among the hills in the west lived Wahketa, The Sighing Pine Tree, the sweet singer. Many songs he sang of the great spirits, of the winds, the running waters and the snows that fill the forests in winter. But one day when away on the mountains he met Kewakenna, The Blue Star Flower, the fairest of maidens.

"No more sang Wahketa of the woods and spirits. Now only of Kewakenna, The Blue Star Flower, did he sing. All day, wandering through the forests, he sang his songs of love, and, at sunset, would climb the mountains to the wigwam of Kewakenna

and woo the maiden with his songs and caresses. Then long would it seem to the maiden before the coming of another sunset, and slowly would the great sun mount the sky and slowly fall behind the hills again.

"But there came a sunset when no Kewakenna was waiting for her ardent lover. Instead, all around were signs of conflict and hasty flight. Then the heart of Wahketa became a stone within him, for the sun of his life had gone out. Wildly he sought for the path of the invaders, and espied near him one of Kewakenna's arrows sticking in the ground and pointing to the eastward. This was his only clue, for so slyly had they come and gone, that the great eagle could not have left a fainter trail on the grass far beneath it than did these cruel warriors of another tribe. Stretching out his arms towards the sinking sun, he prayed to the great spirits of his people to guide his feet to the dwellings of his love's captors. Then, beating his breast in silent agony, he plunged into the dark forests and blindly started his journey into the land of his enemies, far to the east.

"Then for many suns he searched. Fierce Kabibonokka, the North Wind, ruled over the rivers and lakes many times, and still he wandered, ever alone and ever searching. At night he lay on beds of pine needles, hearing the sighing of the winds in the trees overhead, and the wail of Kokokoho, the owl. Then in their voices he thought he heard the spirits mourning at the loss of their fair daughter, Kewakenna. When the morning sun first touched the mountain tops, he would again be silently treading the leafy paths of the forest. The squirrels, chattering, mocked him; the softeyed deer, fearing no harm, gazed on him in pity; the little song birds tried to cheer his heart; but he heard only the distant voice wailing for her lost lover.

"Many villages heard his mournful call at night, and, fearing, thought it was the voice of a spirit; but no welcoming response from Kewakenna gladdened his ear. Many lonely wigwams did he enter and peer into the faces of the sleeping forms, till they dreamed that the Great Spirit had stooped over them and sighed; and strange stories were told of this wandering spirit which visited the wigwams in the hours of sleep and ever departed sighing.

"At last after many years of wandering, he sees the great ocean shining in the distance and new hope stirs within his breast.

The breezes whisper in his ear that his search is nearing its end. As he sees the last rays of the sun sparkling on the distant ocean, he breaks forth in his first glad song since that sad sunset many years before. Again he renews his lonely march and soon he hears the great waves breaking on the shore.

"Then, at night, when a tempest is hurling the breakers high over the cliffs, he espies a small cluster of wigwams nestling on the summit of a lofty promontory, around whose base the ocean roars. He mingles his cry with the roar of the waves, and then to his ears, comes the faint glad response. With joy he approaches the sound, and in the darkness, faintly distinguishes the form of his long lost Kewakenna. With unspoken welcome, he clasps her and turns to flee. But an unseen bow twangs in the darkness, and with a shudder, his beloved Kewakenna sinks to the ground by his side. Directed by an evil spirit, the cruel arrow has pierced her through.

"Then with a sob of anguish, Wahketa raises her in his arms and leaps from the cliff into the darkness and death far below. And now only the moaning of the tempest and the roaring of the sea is heard through the blackness of the night. But a protecting spirit receives them in its arms and transforms the unhappy lovers into a tree and a flower, and ever since that dark night, a tall pine tree has reared its lofty form from the cliff, and from the moss at its base, a delicate blue star flower droops its head. The tree ever sighing, waves its branches with mournful sound as it reaches to clasp the drooping flower to its breast. And when the cold storms of winter blow over the land, then warmly does the little star flower snuggle in its nest among the roots of Wahketa, the pine tree."

Having finished his song, my dusky friend arose and departed as silently as he had come. I started to follow him but when I got outside, he had already disappeared in the forest. The rain had now ceased. The clouds were being broken up and blown away in large mountainous masses, all dark and forbidding below, but with their summits resplendent in a glory of purple and crimson hues from the setting sun; and the distant sea, which for three days had lain dark and leaden, was now transformed as by a fire within its breast.

H. R. B., '13.

#### My Debut as an Editor.

Y uncle, the Rev. Simon Simple, was editor, owner, chief type setter, circulation manager, etc., of "The Weekly Sentinel." This journal was a typical country newspaper. It was nearly all patent medicine advertisements, and any news it might contain was stolen from the dailies with no credit given to them. There was a motto under the name of the paper, which, by the way, had a period after it. On the first page, at the top of the second column, there was the heading "Poetry," and then followed a composition which made the heading necessary. On the same page there was a two-column heading "General News," and below this was a list of fires, floods, suicides, shooting accidents, etc. This "news" was obtained by means of the scissors and, of course, no credit was given to the papers from which it was taken. The clothing advertisements contained pictures of men and women with ridiculously small feet, and wearing English checkered suits gone out of style seventeen years ago. The correspondence which was sent in from the neighboring villages was the typical country correspondence, and as I have said before, the whole paper was typical of its class.

Well, last summer, my uncle was sent as a delegate to the Lawrenceville Sunday School Convention, and he asked me if I thought that I could get out one issue of the paper. He said that most everything was ready and that all I would have to do would be to fill in the "general news" column and rewrite the correspondence. I was delighted to get the chance and was anxious for him to get off to the convention.

Monday morning I went down to the office and began work. In the morning mail I got the usual dailies and a good bunch of items from seven of the neighboring villages. I was not shocked when I read the correspondence, for I had seen lots of it before; I knew what was coming. Let me give a few of the items from Inglisville. Mr. E. B. Wilson was our correspondent there.

"The song of the mower is herd in the land. Last week the weather was perfict. E. B. Wilson has put in 5 beautiful load.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Mrs. E. B. Wilson is on the sick list.

<sup>&</sup>quot;The mat fever is raging here.

- "Mr. E. B. Wilson had a calf die.
- "At the ice cream held at Mr. E. B. Wilson's on Tuesday last the sum of \$2.10 was realized.
  - "We heer faint tinklings of weding bels in the air.
- "While putting his cows to pasture on Monday morning Mr. E. B. Wilson saw a bear. Mr. Wilson was somewhat scared, but bruin was not anxious to make friends.
- "The stork has called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Pierce.
  - "E. B. Wilson had dandelion greens."

This is a good sample of the correspondence; they all used some gems of rhetoric. The idea came to me to cut out the "general news" column and write an article systemizing country correspondence. That is what I did. Following is the article:—

#### ' RULES FOR COUNTY CORRESPONDENTS.

County correspondents would do well to observe the following rules. This is the first attempt, I think, that has ever been made to collect the different types of items and to set before the correspondent a standard which shall be used and recognized by all other country correspondents. Thus for every item there is a definite formula by which it shall be written. Perhaps the best example of this is the sick list item, that Mr. So-and-So is on the sick list. My object in preparing these rules has been to help the rural contributor to do away with his weekly sweat when he tries to put his items into the English used and recognized by his fellow correspondents. It has taken me years to prepare these rules. I have collected from every source, and now that they are brought to the verge of completion, I believe that they cover practically every type of item that is likely to come from the average rural community.

Rule I. If someone is painting his house, say he is dressing it in a new coat of paint. It should always be so stated lest your readers get the impression that an old coat is being applied. Under this head might also be mentioned that Mr. So-and-So is building a new barn.

Rule II. If Susan Brighteyes presented the correspondent with a ripe blackberry in January, comment on its circumference

and maturity, and don't forget to add "Beat that." There is always a great competition along this line.

Rule III. If someone bought a forty dollar nag, say he has purchased a very fine horse.

Rule IV. If a number of ladies are hooking mats, say the mat fever is raging here. This is particularly a rhetorical gem.

Rule V. If someone is sick, say he is on the sick list. This is a great favorite and will bear much repetition. If there is no list in your community kindly report the matter at once to the proper authorities

Rule VI. Always say the bride looked charming. This adjective presses a high degree of elasticity.

Rule VII. Always say that after the wedding there was a sumptuous repast. More elasticity.

Rule VIII. If someone is rushing a girl, and you think he has a final view of matrimony, say you hear faint tinklings of wedding bells in the air. Air is about the only medium by which sound waves reach us, but always mention it.

Rule IX. Always have three-quarters of the items about your own family or relatives.

Rule X. Throw grammar and spelling to the dogs.

Rule XI. If everybody is hoeing, say that hoeing is the order of the day. This will be real news.

Rule XII. If everybody is haying, say that the song of the mower is heard in the land. As the song has never been published, we assume that the words are unfit for publication.

Rule XIII. If a farmer's calf died, say he had it die. This sounds as if he vealed it, but your readers will always know what is meant.

Well, I printed it on the front page instead of the "general news."

Every day some swain would stop his ox-team in front of the office and blow in with some yarn about a pig he had that weighed so much and was only a few months old. Then he wanted it put in the paper with "beat that" at the end of it. One day I got a letter from Gold River bearing some information concerning the swine there. I printed the letter just as it was written and headed

it "Facts and figures about the swine at Gold River." Following are the statistics:—

"Mises willem penal haven a pig wading 2 hunder 40 pound kil by Jawn mill and feeding 3 barels of buck weed."

I knew it was the custom to call the editor of the other paper in town a few names, and I did so. I called him a squint-eyed consumptive liar with a breath like a buzzard and a record like a convict, etc.

The paper was printed Thursday and sent out in the different mails on Friday. Saturday morning, while I was sitting in the office, the boy came in to say that three gentlemen outside wished to see me. I went out and did not return. The three gentlemen were the editor of the other paper, and two of our most aspiring correspondents. They were armed with shot guns. As soon as I came out they roared, "You think you're smart, don't you?" I didn't stop to give them my opinion of the matter, but glanced at their artillery and left town at a hundred yards speed, and didn't stop until I was seven miles out of town. Then I wended my way home.

After all was over I thought I did well, considering it was my first experience as an editor. I increased the circulation and had the vegetables to show for it—seventeen cartloads of unsaleable turnips and a bushel of carrots.

M. C. F., '14.

#### Adrift.

ALLY Slipp came rushing into my rom, not stopping to knock,—in fact, Sally seldom stopped for anything—and cried out merrily, "Oh, you old drone! Why are you poking in this stuffy room on such a day as this? Get your hat and come out into the sunshine. Great day for rowing!"

With mingled feelings I laid aside my work. I was glad to get away from the sight of it, but I had set my heart on accomplishing a certain amount and was anxious to get it done. However, I knew perfectly well that resistance was useless, and accordingly, without a single word of protest, I arose and went with her.

Sally ran nimbly along ahead, while I followed at a pace better suited to my years.

"I'm to do the row act," she said, grasping the oars the moment we stepped into the boat, "and you are going to experience all the benefit of the muscles of these brawny arms. Make yourself perfectly comfortable,"—a suggestion which I was not slow in carrying into effect.

It was glorious on the water. Yet I could not help observing a sort of ominous stillness pervading the air and a cloud, no larger than a man's hand, away to the eastward. Had these signs been understood, our rowing would certainly have been postponed to another day. As it was, we proceeded with light hearts and untroubled minds into the most disagreeable experience of our lives.

For a few minutes after starting, silence was maintained between us. Sally was obviously bent on giving me an exhibition of her skill and was indisposed to waste any energy in speech. At last, however, I broke the silence by remarking, "Sally dear, I am perfectly convinced that you are an expert rower, but really I should prefer getting through the world a little slower, and listening to a few of your remarks on the way."

"Do you mean to say," she replied, "that I have not breath enough to talk? You must think I am a very weak individual." And then as a proof of her ability she talked without ceasing for the space of fifteen minutes. However, I could detect a certain amount of puffing in her voice, and knew that she was really exerting herself, although nothing could have forced her to admit it. Had she been a little sparing of her strength, it would have proved much better for both of us.

What great issues depend on the most insignificant circumstances! A mosquito lighted on Sally's nose. She raised her hand quickly to brush it off, and the oar, which she thought secure, was gone before I could shout a warning. In fact, she observed it as quickly as I, and, in her frantic efforts to reach it, almost precipitated us both into the water.

For a moment we looked at each other blankly, then Sally gave a little forced laugh, and remarked, with rather a pitiful attempt at mirthfulness, "Well, this is what I call a predicament."

"Whatever shall we do?" I groaned.

"Do?" said Sally, "I guess there is not much show for us to do anything. What I'm concerned to know is, what the elements will do with us."

When I realized the import of Sally's speech I sat back, perfectly limp. The sky had all become overcast and a stiff breeze, blowing down the river, was driving us rapidly out to sea. Besides it had grown much cooler and the shivers were beginning to chase each other down my spine.

Sally's face was perfectly impassive, and to look at her one would have supposed that nothing unusual had occurred or was liable to occur. She was bravely endeavoring, with one oar, to bring the boat to land, but the high wind, together with the current, made it impossible, especially as she was feeling the effects of her unaccustomed efforts. Finally she abandoned any such hope, and turning to me said lightly, "Well, I'm glad I have done something at last that will get my name in the paper. At least it looks now as if there might be some hope of it, that is, if this affair turns out as well as it promises."

"Sally Slipp, how can you?" I gasped.

"Well, if you only knew how I have longed to see my name in glaring headlines, you would not wonder. Why, I have actually lain awake nights trying to think up some desperate thing to do and here, without a single bit of effort on my part, the thing is done."

I knew she was doing her best to brave it off, and could not but admire her courage. However, when the great drops of rain, seemingly as large as robins' eggs, had thoroughly drenched us, she looked at me rather ruefully, and with teeth chattering so she could scarcely speak said: "Gracious, how wet the water is! I don't believe I ever realized it before, and it may be that the quantity gives the sensation. I'm sure, if the amount that has fallen on me in the last five minutes could be transferred to Africa, the desert would blossom as the rose."

I could see that we were nearing the mouth of the river, and had long since given up all hope of rescue. I was wondering if we should starve to death or freeze to death, when Sally broke in with: "Do you suppose they will give us a whole page? It seems to me it will take that much space to give all the details, and I am bound

that the world shall know every thought, every sensation. You see I may never have another,—what shall I call it, thrilling adventure?"

In spite of her efforts at cheerfulness, I could see that she was suffering keenly. Her face loked haggard, her lips blue, and she shook as with the palsy. She had been facing me, but finally turned round to see whither we were drifting, and perceived that we were almost at the mouth of the river. I saw her compress her lips and clasp her hands tightly together. Otherwise she made no sign. For about a minute she sat perfectly still, then she gave herself a little shake, and, turning to me, said: "I hope we don't land on the South Sea Islands. I'm awfully afraid of cannibals."

I made no reply and she lapsed again into silence. There seemed absolutely no hope of rescue, and I felt sure Sally must realize the fact. We had passed the mouth of the river and were out on the open sea. The storm had abated somewhat, but our small boat was tossed like a feather from wave to wave. At last Sally, who had been peering intently across the water, gave a shriek. I looked in the direction whence she pointed and could see a small schooner coming straight towards us. Immediately Sally divested herself of her skirt, wrung it as dry as possible, and then waved it wildly. She repeated the signal several times, and finally had the satisfaction of seeing that her efforts had not been in vain. There was an answering signal. In a few minutes the schooner was alongside of us and we were lifted on board, neither of us having the power of motion. Sally immediately created a panic by fainting away and twenty minutes elapsed before she could be restored to consciousness

It was night when we got home. Our friends, assured that some dire calamity had befallen us, were weeping and wailing, but our arrival stayed the torrent of their tears. We had to submit to various kind of treatment as preventives against any evil effects, but nothing could hinder us from getting such colds that for three days we could not speak audibly.

They gave us exactly six lines in the town newspaper. Truly, as Sally remarked, the price of fame is great. F. M. R., '14.

#### Right or Warong.

OME day, students, we'll be drifting
Out upon life's stormy main;
But if life is not too stormy,
We'll be thinking back again!
So, lest any recollections
Should in future cloud the brow,
Let us, if we can, forestall them
By a little thinking now.

Seems to me, that 'mong the fellows
Whom we jostle on the stairs,
There are some whom we would gladly
Call our friends in coming years;
Seems to me, there may be with us,
Conscious of their latent powers,
Men and women whom we'll proudly
Name as college-mates of ours.

That may be—but just at present
Here is something to regret:
Some are strangers to their classmates
Just because they've never "met"!
True, they see each other daily,
In the classroom, on the street,
Know each other's names and faces,
But, alas! they never "meet"!

Seems to me a trifle foolish,

That the friends whom we may know
Must be formally presented—

"Miss, or Mr. So-and-So."

And I know, 'twould seem more foolish,

If by irony of fate,
One should, after years together,

Really "meet" a college mate!

Think it over, fellow students;
College days are not a dream;
Seas and mountains soon will sever
College friends that might have been.
Let the proud Acadia spirit
Broader, fuller, deeper grow;
Know Acadia's sons and daughters;
Get acquainted, here and now!

J. G. McK.

The youth who thinks only of his manners attains nothing but manner; he who thinks only of the comfort and pleasure of others is the gentleman.

True hospitality will entertain everything except a grudge.

"When a feller gits goin' down hill," says Josh Billings, "it dus seem as the everything had been greased for the occasion."

#### NAPOLEON.

We cannot, in the universal imbecility, indecision and indolence of men, sufficiently congratulate ourselves on the strong and ready actor, who took occasion by the beard, and showed us how much may be accomplished by the mere force of such virtues as all men possess in less degrees; namely, by punctuality, by personal attention, by courage, and thoroughness. "The Austrians," he said, "do not know the value of time." I should cite him, in his earlier years, as a model of prudence. His power does not consist in any wild or extravagant force; in any enthusiasm, like Mahomet's; or singular power of persuasion; but in the exercise of common sense on each emergency instead of abiding by rules and customs. The lesson he teaches us is that which vigor always teachers—that there is always room for it.

To what heaps of cowardly doubts is not that man's life an answer. When he appeared, it was the belief of all military men that there could be nothing new in war; as it is the belief of men today, that nothing new can be undertaken in politics or in church, or in letters, or in trade, or in farming, or in our social manners and customs; and as it is, at all times, the belief of society that the world is used up. But Bonaparte knew better than society; and,

moreover, knew that he knew better.—Emerson.

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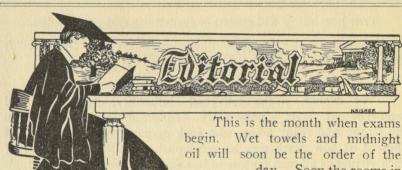
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Mid-year's Exams. oon be the order of the day. Soon the rooms in Chipman Hall will be littered with empty note

books, unsoiled text

books, exasperating alarm clocks and dismal kerosene lamps. Old exam questions will be resurrected and surmises as to "what he is likely to give us" will be current. And all because our teachers are to ask us a few questions about that which we are all supposed to know as a result of the work of the term.

Speaking of examinations, two serious observations may be made. First, it would be well if some scheme should be invented whereby professors could examine papers without knowing who wrote them. The average professor is perfectly fair, but he is only human. If he knows that he is examining the paper of a student of the non-plugging type, the mark he gives him is very likely to veer toward the minimum. Professors have been known to say,

on being approached by students who considered their marks too low, "Your record here has not been a brilliant one, Mr. So-and-So." On the other hand, a student who has soared heavenward in his freshman marks is likely to stay rather high all through his college course whether he studies very hard or not. This rewarding of men according to their reputation is carefully guarded against in our essay contests. Why should some step not be taken to apply similar rules to the marking of exams?

Secondly, how would the honor system in examinations work at Acadia? What would be the result of professors absenting themselves from the room while an examination was in process? Would students crib more than they do now, or would the fact that they were being placed upon their honor tend to eliminate much of the present cribbing? These are questions which the Faculty, the Student Council and the Student Body would do well to consider. We hope to be able to publish a symposium on the subject in a future issue of the ATHENÆUM.

Meanwhile, exams are on. And whatever may be our theories as to the possible improvement of present conditions, it is up to us to utilize these conditions for the advancement of our knowledge and reputations.

The basket-ball season, in which great interest has been taken, ended just before the holidays. Two things, not characteristic of all the games, were unsatisfactory.

First, some of the players lost their temper on certain occasions. Blows were struck, underhanded tactics were resorted to, and ill feeling was engendered. There is nothing so fatal to clean sport and so produc-

tive of interclass bitterness as this failure to play the game. The men involved should stop and think what their action means—to themselves, to their class, to their college. Were they to give the matter five minutes' careful thought, they would—make superhuman endeavor to play a clean, fair, pleasant game—the game Acadia men should play.

Secondly, a certain few—most of them in a certain class—hissed considerably at the games. Now there may have been some provocation for this—that is not the point. The point is

that hissing is one of the bitterest and most crushing methods of showing disapproval that spectators possess, and as such should be employed on very, very rare occasions. If the practice begins at basket-ball games, where is it to end? Surely we at Acadia do not want to be known as "hissers." If we do not intend to disgrace ourselves at some intercollegiate contest of the future, we had better do what the classes at Acadia for the last five years at least have done, and that is, do away with hissing altogether.

In line with the other progressive movements at Acadia this year is the action taken by the whole four classes in doing away with class pins and class colors. Anything which tends to unify the students should be encouraged. Inter-class Class Pins and ill-feeling is senseless and ruinous, and is only surclass Colors. passed in folly by inter-factional ill-feeling within the classes. While such emblems as college pins and college colors do much to promote unity and harmony among the students, they cannot do all. Each student must definitely determine to sink his or her individual gain in the common good. In this way alone can egoism be replaced by altruism in college activities.

We feel that the thanks of the college are due the college girls for their excellent presentation of the Shakespearian comedy, "Twelfth Night." It is rarely that Acadia students have the opportunity of witnessing such an enjoyable, instruc-The y. w. c. A. tive and well acted play. The music furnished by the orchestra was also of a very high order, and certainly merited far more applause than it received from the Acadia students. The attendance was not all that could be desired, although it is certainly unreasonable to expect people to buy reserved seats when they cannot be sure whether the seats have already been sold or not. The error of somebody, somewhere, put the ushers in a bad fix this year. The wrath of the duped purchasers of the disputed seats was equalled if not surpassed by the despair of the ushers. And no wonder! To expect an ordinary, commonplace usher to seat three persons in the same seat is to credit him with very extraordinary powers indeed.

There are two or three things concerning the Athenæum to which we wish to call your attention.

The first is that the college girls do not contribute.

There is absolutely no reason for this, and there are several reasons why they should help the ATHENÆUM along. What's the matter?

Again, many of the students have not yet subscribed and will not subscribe. All we can say is that these students have a very poor and mistorted conception of their duties, privileges and opportunities at Acadia. A college is known in no small measure by the magazine it issues. The magazine depends to a large extent upon the length of the subscription list. And if certain self-centered students, who care more about their own pocket books than they do about the welfare of their college, persist in their refusal to support the college paper, the only cure is this: Raise the tuition fee \$1.00 a year, and place the ATHENÆUM on the same level of importance as that occupied by the campus and gymnasium. We are not sure but that this would be a good plan at any rate.

With regard to this issue, the Lyceum editors have persistently delayed to submit any Academy notes, so we conclude that there are none. We realize that this will be a disappointment to the friends of the Academy, but we beg leave to exculpate ourselves from the blame. As the Seminary news-gatherers have also been negligent in the pursuit of their duties, it has been necessary to scrawl editorials until the wee sma' hours, in order to fill the otherwise empty columns of the magazine. For this, we apologize.

#### Winners this Month.

Poems—Ist, J. G. MacKay; 2nd, S. W. Stockhouse. Stories—Ist, H. R. Bishop; 2nd, M. C. Foster. Articles—Ist, S. W. Stackhouse; 2nd, J. G. MacKay. Month—Ist, H. Davidson; 2nd, R. C. Eaton. Personal—Ist, R. C. Eaton; 2nd, A. K. Magner. Exchange—Ist, F. Swim; 2nd, Thorne. Jokes—Ist, W. S. Ryder; 2nd, Rogers, '15.



Late lies the wintry sun a-bed,
A frosty, fiery sleepy-head;
Blinks but an hour or two; and then,
A blood-red orange, sets again.
Black are my steps on silvery sod;
Thick blows my frosty breath abroad;
And tree and house, and hill and lake,
Are frosted like a wedding-cake.

-Stevenson.

HE Christmas vacation has passed all too quickly and once more we are back to our books. Everyone is working with renewed energy, for the mid-year examinations, with all their terrors, will soon be upon us. We sincerely hope that all will be successful. In spite of the pressure of studies, almost everyone finds a little time to spend in skating or hockey.

The Freshman-Academy football game is always one of much interest and pleasure. This year's was no exception. The contest was played off on the College Campus on Tuesday, Nov.

26. The class of '16 was ably represented by Kinsman, Feindle, Elliot, Duclos, Smith, Ryan, Horne, forwards; Porter, Leeman, Rogers, Kitchen halves; Ingram, Calhoun, Archibald, quarters; McNeil, fullback. The Academy, by Shaffner, Verge, Foster, Anthony, Cook, McLean, Manning, forwards; McCurdy, Walton, Cox, Annis, halves; Henshaw, Fletcher, Gibson, quarters, and Cox, full-back.

The game was a typical Freshman-Academy one, not much open play, but mostly scrimmage and dribbling work. After the

ball had been in play about six minutes Kitchen succeeded in carrying the pigskin over the line for the Freshmen; Leeman failed to convert. No further score was made by either side, although both teams worked hard. The game thus ended with a score of 3 to 0 in favor of the Freshmen. Dr. DeWolfe refereed the game very satisfactorily.

R. C. E., '13.

The annual banquet to the football team was given by the students of Chipman Hall, in the Hall dining room, Wednesday evening, Nov. 27. The decorations of garnet and blue added much to the spirit of the occasion. Beside the football team the

following guests were present:—Dr. Cutten, Dr. H. T.

Football DeWolfe, Prof. Coit, Dr. Archibald, Coach ChipBanquet. man, C. W. Robinson, J. McKinnon, H. Foster,
Dr. DeWitt, J. A. McDonald. Over one hundred
and twenty sat down to the bountiful repast which was
served in an excellent manner by the Freshmen hall students.

After the supper had been enjoyed to the full, the following toasts
were proposed and responded to:—

The King—Proposed by C. A. Howe, 15; responded to by National Anthem.

The Ladies—Proposed by M. B. McKay, '14; responded to by S. W. Stackhouse, '15.

The Faculty—Proposed by E. C. Leslie, '16; responded to by Drs. Cutten and Archibald.

Our Football Team—Proposed by J. L. Ilsley, '13; responded to by C. R. Chipman, Prof. Coit, Dr. DeWolfe, Capt. P. Andrews.

Following this Mr. J. A. McDonald, Pres. of A. A. A., made fitting remarks regarding the awarding of A's and distinction caps to those who had won them during the past year. Dr. Cutten presented A's to the following:—For football and track—J. G. McKay, 15, R. Leeman, '16. For football—W. L. Porter, '16, W. Kitchen, '16, F. Kinsman, '16, Van Amburg, '15. For track—L. Harlow, '15, H. Phinney, '15.

The following won distinction caps:—In football—O. O. Lyons, '13, M. Freda, '14, J. Morrison, '14, G. Atkins, '15, G. Richmond, F. Spencer, '15. In track—A. W. Brown, '12. In football and track—L. Andrews, '14. In basket-ball—H. Pineo, '12, H. Logan, '12, J. Grant, '12, H. Reid, '12, P. Andrews, '12.

Following this Mr. M. Freda, captain-elect for next year, spoke very encouragingly of prospects for the coming year, and urged upon the students the importance of putting forth every effort to win the trophy next year, as victory then means the permanent ownership of the cup. Mr. Freda's words met with a hearty response.

The singing of Acadia Doxology brought to a close the most successful and enjoyable football banquet ever held. R. C. E., '13.

One of the leading functions of the college year was the banquet held by the senior class on Monday evening, December 9th, at the Royal Hotel. A large number of the members of the class, with their lady friends, were present. The guests of the evening were Dr. and Mrs. Cutten and Dr. and Mrs. DeWolfe. A merry social hour was Banquet. spent in games and music, during which time the company listened with pleasure to a vocal solo by Mr. Hirtle, a reading by Miss Nowlan, and a selection by the class quartette. Everyone then adjourned to the dining room, which was fittingly decorated for the occasion with banners and bunting. The menu included everything that heart could wish or appetite suggest, and was greatly enjoyed by all. The menu card was well gotten up. and will be a souvenir that will be prized by those present. The toast list was as follows:-

The King—Proposed by H. E. Allaby; responded to by National Anthem.

The Ladies—Proposed by F. F. Chute; responded to by A. K. Magner.

The Faculty—Proposed by R. C. Eaton; responded to by Dr. H. T. DeWolfe.

Alma Mater—Proposed by J. L. Ilsley; responded to by Dr. G. B. Cutten.

A most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by the giving of the Senior yell:—

Zel-a-zee, Zel-a-zee, Zack-a-dee-a-dah, Ziro, Zickero, Kal-a-ma-zoo-ma-zah, Razzle-o, Dazzle-o, Zipa-Kapa-Kah, Acadia Thirteen, Rah! Rah! Rah!

H. D., '14.

The Science Club is the reorganized Science Society. All members of the Faculty and student body are cordially invited to join. The membership fees are small, one dollar for gentlemen and fifty cents for ladies.

The three purposes of the Club are to promote interest in the study of the natural sciences and engineering, to Science Club. increase the spirit of fellowship in the student body, and to encourage original research by members of the Club. The method followed this year will be to have some ten very interesting lectures delivered by members of the Faculty and others, for which arrangements have practically been completed.

Prof. Clarkson has already given a lecture on the "Theory of Matter." On Tuesday, Jan. 7, Dr. Hermann gave the second lecture on German education. This, like the first, was free The next lecture will be given the following Tuesday by Dr. Cutten. Others will be announced later.

W. E. P., '13.

On Tuesday evening, Dec. 10th, Prof. Clarkson gave a lecture before the Science Society on "The Nature of Matter." The meeting was open to the public but only a few were present.

The lecturer showed how scientists, by the discovery of X-rays, have proved the existence of very small particles, one thousand times smaller than the smallest atoms, and have drawn up the theory that all atoms are made up of these particles which are atoms of electricity. Consequently all matter, he said, is made up of electricity. He illustrated his remarks by several experiments, among other things, showing the operation of wireless telegraphy and X-rays. The whole lecture was intensely interesting and instructive, and was deserving of a much larger audience.

This was the first of a series of ten lectures to be given during the winter, on scientific subjects. Among others, they will include an illustrated lecture on the Panama Canal by Prof. Clarkson, and a lecture on the "Teaching of Science in Germany," by Dr. Herrmann. The Science Society has been reorganized this year, and the membership is now open to all students of the College,

both male and female, as well as to the members of the Faculty, graduates of the College, and citizens of the town. The purpose of the Society is to further extend people's knowledge of Science. We predict for the Acadia Science Society much success.

H. D., '14.

The Seniors met the Sophomores on the debating platform Saturday evening, Dec. 7, before the members of the Athenæum and Propylæum Societies. The subject debated was a Inter-Class very interesting one since it will be debated by Acadia Debate. and Dalhousie this year: "Resolved, that trade unions are more beneficial than detrimental to society." The Seniors, whose side was the affirmative, were represented by J. L. Ilsley (leader); F. F. Chute and E. M. Bleakney. The Sophomores, who opposed the resolution, were C. A. Howe (leader); A. Rogers and J. G. McKay. The debate was probably the best we have heard for years in our class leagues. Each side was strong both in argument and delivery. The judges decided that the Seniors had won. We might mention here that Acadia has chosen the affirmative of this question for the intercollegiate event.

R. C. E., '13.

The Propylæum Society was "At Home" to the students of the College, Seminary and Academy in Assembly Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 6. The hall was well filled and a Propylæum very enjoyable evening was spent. The decorations, which were in pink—the Propylæum color—were simple and appropriate. The following programme was given during the evening:—Violin solo by Miss DeWolfe of Acadia Seminary; reading by Miss Zwicker, '13; vocal solo by Miss Shand. These numbers were well rendered, and were enjoyed by all. Much credit is due the young ladies who had the matter in charge, for this successful reception.

R. C. E., '13.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 14th, Shakespeare's comedy, "Twelfth Night," was presented in College Hall by the Young Women's Christian Association. Much preparation had been made

for the occasion, which proved in every way a great success, and reflected the highest credit upon all who participated,
college and especially upon Miss Anna H. Remick, the popu-
Girls' Play. lar teacher of elocution at the Seminary, under whose
personal direction the play was presented. The cos-
tumes were exceedingly well "made up," and the different parts
were excellently taken. A pleasing feature of the entertainment
was the music furnished between the acts by an orchestra under
the direction of Miss Beatrice M. Longley, teacher of violin at the
Seminary. A good sum was realized, which will go towards
sending delegates from Acadia to the Y. W. C. A. Conference at
Muskoka. Following is the cast of characters:—
Orsino, Duke of IllyriaGrace DeWolfe
Valentine and Curio—Gentlemen attending on the Duke—Hettie
Chute, Gwendolyn Shand.
Sebastian, brother to Viola Edna Giberson
Antonio, a sea captain, friend of Sebastian; sea captain, friend of
Viola—Vera Robbins.
Sir Andrew AguecheekLulu Zwicker
ViolaAlice Harold
The Countess OliviaAnita Elderkin
Retainers of Olivia's Household:
Malvolio, steward to Lady OliviaLena Nowlan
Sir Toby Belch, uncle to OliviaDorothy Outhouse
Feste, the clown
Fabian
MariaEmma Pattillo
Officers and sailorsGeorgia Lent and Flora Reid
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During the last month considerable interest was taken in the inter-class basket-ball league. The final outcome was a victory for the Seniors, with the Freshmen second, and the Juniors, Sophomores and Academy tying for third place. Although most of the games were rather one-sided, still they were all fast and interesting, and many exhibitions of good basket-ball were witnessed. The different teams were composed of the following men:—Seniors—P. T. Andrews, Smith, Lyons, P. S. Andrews, R. R. Haley. Juniors—Morrison, Eveleigh, Mason, Freda, C. L. Andrews, McKinnon. Sophomores

—Murray, Marshall, Phinney, Dennis, Harlow. Freshmen—Ryan, Duclos, Porter, W. Kitchen, D. Kitchen. Academy—Gibson, Stackhouse, Welton, Shaffner, Cox, McCurdy. The following is the result of the games in the order they were played:—

Date	Classes	Won by	Score
Nov. 30	1916 vs. A.C.A.	1916	33—8
" 30	1914 vs. 1915	1915	20—18
Dec. 3	1913 vs. A.C.A.	1913	50—6
" 5	1914 vs. 1916	1916	31—7
66 7	1914 vs. A.C.A.	1914	28—18
" 7	1913 vs. 1915	1913	25—19
" 10	1913 vs. 1916	1913	33-9
" 12	1915 vs. A.C.A.	A.C.A.	13—7
" 14	1913 vs. 1914	1913	20—12
" 14	1915 vs. 1916	1916	32-23

H. D., '14.

Before a fairly large audience of students and townspeople, the Ralph M. Hunt Oratorical Prize, instituted in 1907 by the executors of the late Rev. Ralhp M. Hunt, was contested for in College Hall, Friday evening, Dec. 13. There Ralph M. Hunt was keen competition. The whole contest was Oratorical. especially characterized by very little repetition or

crossing of material. The change of dates for the contest from the third Friday evening in April to the last Friday evening preceding the Christmas vacation is worthy of much commendation.

The other participants in the oratorical were:—H. E. Allaby, '13, J. L. Ilsley, '13, A. Gibson, '14, C. M. Haverstock, '14, J. F. Logan, '13, C. W. Robbins, '15, and A. K. Magner, '13.

The competitions were permitted to select their subjects from the following:—

John Bright, Robert Burns, The Purpose of Scholarship, The Coronation of George V., Evidences of Design in History.

H. E. Allaby, the first speaker, had chosen "The Purpose of Scholarship." The purpose of scholarship is to prepare one for life, and to produce leaders. This means that the education, health, laws, and religious life of our nation depend upon our students. The greatest conception is that which considers the purpose of scholarship to be the ruling of the world. Mr. Allaby

spoke with a great deal of earnestness, growing out of a deep conviction of his subject.

The next speaker was A. Gibson, '14, whose subject was "Robert Burns." As Mr. Gibson is himself a Scotchman, his personality lent emphasis to his remarks. His speech was interspersed with parts of Burns' works appropriate to his discourse. After taking the audience to the little town of Ayr, in Scotland, he vividly portrayed the surroundings of the spot where Scotland's national poet first saw the light, Jan. 25, 1759. The biography of Burns needs no apology. Burns had his faults,—who has not? But as we understood his life, we see a great soul, and a man whose whole heart was on the surface. Burns' greatness was due to his strict observation of commonplace things of every-day life. Although he has been very much censured, we must consider the adverse circumstances of his life. This is Mr. Gibson's first appearance on an Acadia platform. His speech was strong and left a remarkably good impression.

- J. L. Ilsley, '13, the third contestant, spoke on "John Bright." Mr. Ilsley was in good form, and in his usual characteristic manner made an exceedingly eloquent address. He said in part that the life of John Bright should interest every true Canadaian. John Bright began in a small way but suddenly grew great. He was famous as a friend of the common people. He possessed what the most of politicians do not possess, namely, a combination of ability and character. (1) Ability. He was keenly analytic. His sight was equalled, if not surpassed, by his foresight. He craved for the freedom of all men. (2) Character. Perfect earnestness and absolute fearlessness marked his every word. He fought for the common people. His life was one long turmoil. He was extremely conscientious. Analyic in reason, eloquent in the presentation of thought, he stands out as an example of what England can do in producing statesmen.
- C. M. Haverstock, '14, the fourth speaker, had chosen "Robert Burns." The name of Burns stands unchallenged. There are many hidden secrets of his power. In order to become great, he must suffer toil and distress. He was wholly unselfish and loved all mankind, especially the oppressed. He saw the charm of home and recognized it as the basis of society. We cannot contemplate his life without a sense of affection. Burns

caught the idea that if a nation is to be great and remain so it must give attention to the Bible and the sovereignty of our Creator. Haverstock presented a well prepared oration, and held his audience wonderfully well throughout.

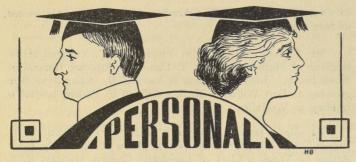
J. L. Logan, '13, spoke on "The Purpose of Scholarship." The material and general structure of Mr. Logan's oration was undoubtedly the very best of the evening, but his presentation was rather deficient. He, however, presented his ideas logically and clearly, and left a splendid impression. Introducing his subject by Socrate's principle of "know thyself," he proceeded under four headings to show that the whole meaning of scholarship lies in these two words. (1) "Know thyself" as a subjective being. (2) "Know thyself" in relation to a vast and eternal world. (3) "Know thyself" in relation to other men. (4) "Know thyself" in relation to an infinite God. We should like to see this speech published in the ATHEN EUM in the near future.

C. W. Robbins, '15, was the next speaker. His subject was "Evidences of Design in History." Mr. Robbins presented a vigorous and well prepared oration plainly yet convincingly. His main purpose was to show that the hand of God has been the designer of history, eloquently revealing that both nations and individuals had been born at opportune times and in proper places for the furtherance of civilization and the realization of God's plan for the race of man. Now the goal of all civilized people is universal federation.

A. K. Magner, '13, was the seventh and last contestant of the evening, and delivered a well-rounded oration on the "Evidences of Design in History." He said in part that there is a great force among men distinguishing between good and evil. God is governing the race. At the fall and crumbling to dust of one nation, another has taken its place, thus showing the design of an Infinite Mind. We also see evidences of design in the realm of discovery. No obstacle has ever stood in the way which God has not overthrown.

The judges of the contest were Revs. Mr. Dixon, Dr. DeWolfe, and Dr. Spidle, who after short deliberation, awarded the prize to Mr. J. L. Ilsley, '13. W. S. R., '15.

We regret to learn, that on account of serious illness, Prof. Black has resigned his position as English teacher.



'69—Neil McLeod is Judge of Supreme Court in Summerside, P. E. I. Rev. Rufus Sanford is doing missionary work in Vizagapatam, India.

'70—Rev. William A. Newcombe is pastor of the Baptist Church at Thomaston, Maine.

'71—Rev. James W. Bancroft is pastor of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church, Yarmouth Co., N.S. J. W. Longley is Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. Address, Halifax, N. S. Rev. William A. Spinney is pastor of a Baptist Church in Philadelphia.

'72—Mortimer McVicar is teaching in Cambridge, Mass. Mortimer L. Smith is junior member of the firm A. and W. Smith, Halifax, N. S.

'73—Humphrey Bishop is residing in Greenwich. Adoniram Eaton, Professor of Classics at McGill, is now lecturing in Canada and the United States, under the auspices of the Arch®ological Institute of America. James B. Hall resides in Lawrencetown.

'74-Rev. John C. Spurr, pastor at Great Village, is very ill.

'75—William G. Parsons is lawyer in Middleton, N. S. Benjamin Rand is Professor of Philosophy at Harvard University.

'80—Isaac C. Archibald is missionary at Chicacole, India. Caleb R. Dodge resides at Middleton, N. S. Edward J. Morse practices law at Windsor, N. S. Everett W. Sawyer is President

of Okanagan College, "The Acadia of the West." He visited us here recently.

'81—Frank Andrews is in Victoria, B. C., engaged in the teaching of Mathematics. O. T. Daniels is Attorney General of Nova Scotia. John Donaldson is successfully engaged in fruit growing at Port Williams, N. S. William F. Parker, lawyer, is residing in Wolfville.

'82—Rev. James G. Belyea is pastor at Doaktown, N. B. Rupert Dodge is engaged in profession of law at Sioux City, Iowa. Arthur G. Troop is Clerk of Legislative Council, Halifax, N. S. Howard F. Schoffield is Principal of the Collegiate Institute, Winnipeg.

'83—Rev. Wallace I. Corey is pastor of Baptist Church in Freemont, Nebraska. Rev. A. L. Powell is pastor of Gaspereaux Baptist Church, N. S. Sherman T. Rogers is a prominent lawyer in Halifax, N. S.

'89-Rev. W. H. Jenkins has a pastorate at Gibson, N. B.

'90—Walter W. Chipman is a prominent physician in Montreal; address 285 Mountain St., Montreal. H. G. Harris is editor of "The Advertiser" and "Acadian Orchardist," Kentville, N. S. Adella G. Jackson is teaching Biology, Physics and Chemistry in Acadia Seminary. Rev. Norman A. McNeil has a pastorate in Bridgetown, N. S. Freeman S. Messenger is practicing medicine at Petite Riviere, N. S. Rev. William B. Wallace is pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. Henry F. Waring has pastorate of Fifth Avenue Baptist Church in Vancouver.

'91—Hebron Y. Corey is missionary in Vizianagram, India. Ernest E. Daley is pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Halifax. Horace G. Estabrook is Supt. of Western Home Mission Board; address, Vancouver. Rev. Z. L. Fash has the pastorate of Baptist Church in Charlottetown, P. E. I. Douglas B. Hemmeon is pastor of a Methodist Church in Bermuda. Rev. J. H. Jenner is pastor of Campbellton Baptist Church, N. B.

'95—Mabel E. Archibald is missionary in Chicacole, India. Fred A. Caldwell is in Maplewood, Missouri, engaged in railway business. J. Edgar Higgins is in Honolulu in connection with the Agricultural Experimental Station. Daniel P. McMillan has recently been appointed Professor of English at Queens University, Kingston. Miss Evelina Patten, formerly Vice-Principal of Acadia Seminary, is his wife.

'96—Rev. A. J. Archibald is Baptist clergyman of Charlotte St. Church, St. John, N. B. Charles Freeman is an M. D. in Folly Village, N. S. Harry A. Purdy is a successful lawyer at Amherst, N. S. Laura M. Sawyer is librarian at Perkins Institute in Boston, Mass.

'97—Eva L. Andrews resides in Wolfville. Arthur C. Archibald is pastor of First Baptist Church, Brockton, Mass. Lizzie Crandall is the wife of Dr. M. P. Freeman of Bridgewater. Avard L. Davison is M. P. for Annapolis Co. Robert Knowles is City Physician, Gloucester, Mass. W. I. Morse went out to China as medical missionary.

'oi—George A. Blackadar is teacher in Classics at Yarmouth Academy, N. S. William Longley is instructor in Biology at Yale. A. Perry is Professor of English in Manitoba College, Winnipeg, Man. John W. Roland is professor in the Nova Scotia Technical School, Halifax. M. S. Richardson is pastor of First Baptist Church, Truro, N. S. Garfield M. White is general manager of the White Lumber Co., Apple River, Cumb. Co., N. S.

'02—Egbert L. Dakin has a pastorate in Chicago. Avard K. Cahoon is engaged in Civil Service at Ottawa. Denton J. Neily is Baptist pastor in Gloucester, Mass. Owen B. Keddy is successful medical doctor in Windsor, N. S. Rev. C. P. Reid has accepted a call to a Baptist Church in Sydney, C. B. Gordon Bill is Professor of Mathematics in Dartmouth College, N. H., instead of instructor as was wrongly stated in November issue.

'03—J. A. Armstrong is Principal of Sydney County Academy. Laurie D. Cox is in Los Angeles, Cal., landscape architect. Graham P. Morse occupies a Government position in civil engineering in the West. He took his B. Sc. here in '12.

'03—James D. Purdy is lawyer in Amherst, N. S. Claude Sanderson is lawyer in Yarmouth, N. S.

'o4—Gorden Baker is pastor at Westmount, Montreal. Harry K. Bowes is engaged in the Dept. of Finance at Ottawa. Rev. L. H. Crandall is pastor in River Hibbert, N. S. Rev. Ralph W. Hibbert is pastor in Okanagan Valley, B. C. Roy Bates is at home in Connecticut very ill. His illness is much regretted by his many friends at Acadia, where he was formerly Professor in English. Edward Avery DeWitt is very successful in the practice of medicine in Wolfville, N. S.

'05—A. A. MacIntyre is engaged in business in St. John, N.B. Elmer Reid is teaching in Vancouver, B. C.

'o9—Willard K. Kempton is Principal of Yarmouth Academy, N. S. We are pleased to hear that he is very successful in his work. James M. Shortliffe is instructor in Mathematics at Dartmouth College, N. H. Mayhew C. Foster is teaching in Parrsboro High School. Frank L. Lewis is engaged in lumbering interests with his father's firm in Lewiston, near Truro, N. S. Philip S. Beals is engaged in farming at Morristown, Kings Co., N. S. William Huntington is engaged in the Inductive Motor Dept. of the General Electric Co., Schnectady, N. Y.

'10—Miss Amy V. Roscoe was married to Mr. Rae Bennett of Halls Harbor, N. S., on Dec. 4. They are residing at present in East Halls Harbor. The ATHENÆUM wishes much happiness to them.

'11—Alexander Sutherland is Assistant Professor of Mechanical Drawing and Surveying at Acadia. John S. Foster is teaching Mathematics and Physics at Acadia Collegiate Academy, Wolfville. Ivan M. Rose was ordained at his church in Pubnico on Nov. 26. Atlee B. Clark is at McGill University. W. Apperley Porter is bridge engineer at Le Pas, Manitoba. Handley B. Fitch is teaching in the West. Whitman H. Webber is at his home Chester, N. S.

'12—Roy T. Bowes is at his home in Dorchester, N. B. Clyde W. Dennison is engaged in the real estate business with his brother in Saskatoon. Rev. G. W. Miller is pastor of the Presbyterian

Church in Wolfville. Arthur K. Herman is pursuing his Theological studies at Newton Theological Seminary. Miss Nina Hubley is at her home, 206 Lockman St., Halifax, N. S. Tingley, who was a member of '12, is now teaching school in Blackville, N. B. Ernest Powell is also engaged as a pedagogue in Elko, B. C.

A very interesting letter was lately received by President Cutten from H. T. Reid, '12, our Rhodes Scholar. Reid is making good. He is at present taking a course in Jurisprudence and Political History and will graduate in '14, but will take a year further in post-graduate work. He is spending his Xmas vacation in Germany.





"Men may come, and men may go, But I go on forever."

IME in its swift flight has passed over yet another year, and again we start afresh after the Christmas vacation, with every hope of a prosperous year.

Numerous magazines, more numerous articles, and still more numerous stories pass before the half-interested, half-curious review of the exchange editor.

In this the first issue of a new year, it seems quite appropriate to call attention to the relation of the college paper to the college. The November issue of the *Dalhousie Gazette*, in an article on "The *Gazette* in the Life of the University," clearly defines the position of the college paper in relation to the University, and emphasizes the need of the co-operation of students, graduates and college authorities to make it a success and an honor to the University it represents. It says:—"Such a publication should be the living voice and breathing form and the expressive organ of the University which it represents. To be a true product of the University, the magazine must aim at something precise, something refined, something really humorous, something really large and choice which shall make it a source of benefit to every being with whom it comes in contact." Not only is this applicable to the *Gazette*, but this should be the aim of every college journal.

We are glad to find the *Okanagan Lyceum* as a monthly paper among our exchanges.

In the November issue of the Argosy we find a comprehensive and well written article entitled "Advice." The following are a few quotations:—

"The man who gives advice gets more out of it than the man to whom it is given.

"The real fundamental reason for the inefficiency of advice is our ignorance of one another. Physically we may be in contact, mentally and spiritually far apart. Our knowledge of one another is largely guesswork,—inference drawn from our knowledge of ourselves, which itself does not amount to much."

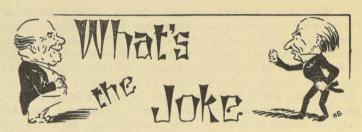
Many of last month's exchanges contain articles emphasizing the growing importance of college men to the world at large. The Brandon Quill closes an article entitled "The College Graduate as a Man of Affairs," thus:—"So the whole world lies open today to the advances of the college graduate. Its every department of activity is flinging in his pathway the challenge to achievement and conquest, and if as Emerson says, he write a better book or preach a better sermon, or make a better mouse-trap than his neighbor, though he build his home in a wilderness, the world will make a beaten path to his door."

The "Modern History of a Turkey" in the Academy Annual is deserving of special mention because of its originality. It reads as follows:—"Up and down the farm-yard of the Balkans strutted Mr. Sultan, the Turkey-gobbler. He was called gobbler because he gobbled up everything that he dared. He always despised his neighbors and pecked on and ill-treated all those that came within his reach. At last he became so cruel and unbearable that a meeting was held of those who once had been his subjects, and it was decided that little Monte the negro should head an attack on him followed by the Belle of the grade. Their forces were next increased by Miss Sofia, who was determined to make an end of him with the aid of hot Greece. So fierce was the onslaught that both his right and left wings were soon crushed. In this predicament he showed his white feather and loudly gobbled, gobbled, gobbled, hoping that some of the onlookers would come to his aid. But all had had enough of him, and as he was neither Constant nor noble, no help came, and therefore Monte the negro was soon able to say, "I'll Serv'ya up, well basted with Greece, to Miss Sofia." A day was set apart for a grand thanksgiving, and the proud Turkey was carved and dissected to suit the tastes of those who had so bravely conquered him."

We would recommend a table of contents as an addition to the McMaster University Monthly and the Brandon College Quill.

We further gratefully acknowledge the following exchanges:

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M. S. A., King's College Record, 'Varsity, McGill Daily, Queen's
Journal, Harvard Monthly, and The Sheaf.



Leslie, '14 (proudly)—" We have skyscrapers six stories high in Halifax.

Leeman, '15—" Huh! that's nothing; down in St. Stephen we have to hinge ours, so the sun and moon can get by."

Wilson, '16, (feeling bumped head)—"Gee! I forgot about that being wood."

Porter (on tub)—"O, say, don't put my head under."

Van Amburg (as he does so)—"Why, that's the best part of it, my dear sir."

#### "Freshettes."

Dexter, '15—" There are no ministerials in the Freshman class."

Godfrey, '15—" You're wrong; they have got Parsons."

Thorne, '15, to Forsythe, '16—" Say, Goliah, are you learning anything here?"

Forsythe—"Sure; I'm learning a lot of deviltry." Thorne—"Do you think you'll get plucked in it?" Forsythe—"Not with Max McKay teaching me."

Prof. Coit (Fresh. Math.)—" Where do parallel lines meet?" Turner, '16—" In eternity."

Prof. Haley (Fresh. Physics)—" Mr. Parker, kindly give me an example of impenetrability."

Parker—" My head, sir."

Prof. Haley—"Very good, that's a fine example."

Crocker, '16 (as "Dandy Dug" Borden strolls past)—"Say, Crawley, who's that chap and where does he live?"

Crawley—"He's Borden home."

Prof. Black—"Mr. Christie, what is an 'anchorite'?" Christie (somewhat puzzled)—"Why, er, a little anchor, I

Christie (somewhat puzzled)—"Why, er, a little anchor, I suppose."

Prof. Coit (discussing triangles)—"Given two sides, how can we find the third side?"

Miss Robbins, '16—" Why don't you measure it?"

Marshall, '15 (watching Leslie run)—" Do you see any resemblance between Leslie and poets?"

Henshaw, '15—" Not unless he is a second Longfellow."

Wilson, '16—" Say, Professor, may I have an hour off to go down town and get my pants pressed?"

Prof. Thompson—" Will you translate that word again?" Miss Prisk, '13—" Vicissum, in turn."

Howard, '16 (at reception)—" Does anyone know who is on the proposing committee?"

Forsythe, '16 (sadly, after a test)—"I used to like the Bible before I came here."

Dr. DeW-lf (in Freshman Bible)—"I am almost tempted to give this class a test."

Voice from rear of room—"Yield not to temptation."

Bleakney, '14—" You know there was something I wanted to ask about which has quite gone out of my mind."

Miss Stevens, '14 (hopefully)—"It wasn't good night, was it?"

Leslie, '16—" Are you interested in Contemporary History?" Ingraham, '16—" Not much. I am more interested in what is going on now."

Cook, '14—" I guess I am as fleshy as the average student." Murray, '15—" Fleshy! Say, Cook, you'd make a good human parody on the beef trust."

Perry Eaton (in Senior class meeting)—"I move we have a committee of five to look after our class President." He meant class Present!

Ilsley—"Say, Gamey! Do you believe in trade unions?" Gamey, '13—"Yes, but not with the United States."

Dr. DeW-lf (in Freshman Bible)—" And the other parable, Mr. Kinsman?"

Kinsman, '16—" The one about eating with unleavened hands?"

Prof. Webber (in sacred oratory)—"Will someone please give me an example of the use of emphasis?"

Jacobs, '16—" What! Do you think I'm a fool?" Prof. Webber—" Yes, that is it, Mr. Jacobs."

Gamey—"Say, Bubbles! You should see Coney Island. It costs you fifty cents going through, keeping your mouth shut, and one dollar every time you open it. You should have seen how I spent the dollars. I went in with twenty-five 'plunks,' and when I came out I only had a nickel for car-fare."

Crosby, '16—" Gee! I wonder where that cabbage is burning?"

Leslie, '16—" Oh! keep your head away from the stove."

Football Mascot (at breakfast in Dufferin Hotel)—" Waiter, I want a fork.'

Waiter—" You don't need a fork. There is no meat." Mascot—" Then how will I reach the bread?"

Ryan, '16 (at store)—" Say, Len, I want a hat that will fit my head exactly."

Len—"Here's a big, soft, green one."

Rudolf (Cad) signing his name Mr. Rudolf on Sems. topic card, "Will you kindly introduce me to all the most popular girls?"

McKay, '15—" It must be great to have a girl?" Lockhart, '13—" Yes, they were the happiest days of my life."

Tamplin (in Freshman class debate)—"Our fellows want girls who have beautiful faces, not a knowledge of Latin verbs."

Prof. Black (in Freshman English)—" Miss Steeves, what do you know about Victor Hugo?"

Miss Steeves—'Is he a Freshman?"

Perhaps you think these jokes are poor,
And should be on the shelf.
But if you know some better ones,
Hand in a few yourself.

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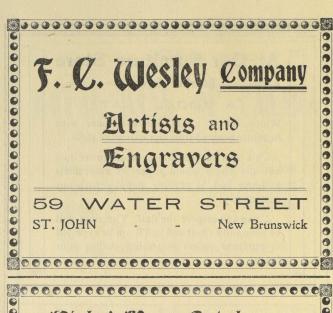
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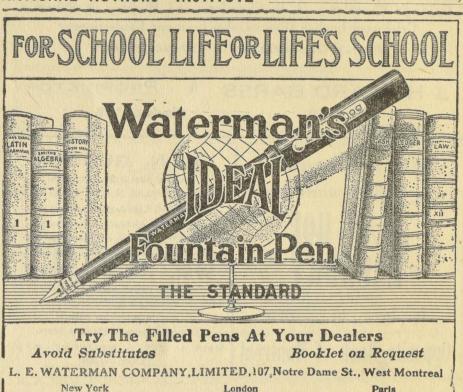
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